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JJC stresses 'holistic wellness' for students

Student assistance grant provides counseling sessions for students with problems

Of the nation's college students, 30 percent will experience a diagnosable mental disorder within a one-year period. Anxiety, mood, and substance use disorders are the most prevalent. Use of marijuana among young people has substantially increased within the last three years. At least 70 percent of young individuals who abuse substances also have additional psychiatric disorders.

These statistics were quoted by Patrick Tinken of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department when he spoke to advisors and counselors during JJC's institute week the first part of January. Tinken also reviewed

statistics from the 1996 Core Drug and Alcohol survey of JJC students, which show that 69 percent of students drink alcohol, 39 percent "binge," 30 percent have used marijuana in the last year while 21 percent are current users (an 8 percent increase since 1993), and 71 percent identify stress as a problem. Frequent substance users reported lower grades, more sexual misconduct, more attempted suicides, and other problems.

A Student Assistance Program (SAP), which is part of JJC's new Holistic Wellness Program, provides help for students (Continued on Page 7)



Pat Hildebrand starts as JJC's Wellness Coordinator.

New director is appointed to program

Pat Hildebrand started her duties as JJC's Wellness Coordinator on January 21. Her office is H-1003, a part of the suite that houses the Office of Student Services and Activities.

Hildebrand began at JJC in October, 1995, as Outreach Specialist for the Dislocated Worker Assistance Center at City Center Campus. Prior to that, she founded a preschool, and she has also worked in substance abuse prevention for six years. She has a bachelor's degree from ISU in child development and family relationships.

"Students are welcome to come and meet me and make suggestions as to topics in regard to wellness they would be interested in learning about," Hildebrand said. "I'm in the office from 8-4:30 and am excited about getting to know the students and faculty at JJC." Hildebrand lives in Minooka with her 2 and 1/2-year-old daughter, Kelsey.

Family counseling is available to students

A small grant has been awarded from Student Activities to partially support family counseling sessions for students needing assistance, according to Dr. Carolyn Engers, registrar and dean of Counseling.

Counselors and advisors may refer students directly to the Family Counseling Agency of Will and Grundy Counties, 2317 W. Jefferson Street. Students will be charged \$25 per hour instead of the usual \$75 per hour. Of this amount, the student will pay \$10 per hour and the grant will pay \$15 per hour for the first three counseling sessions, Engers explains.

The purpose of the Counseling Agency, which is supported by the United Way, townships, client fees, and individual contributions, is to use the efforts of a multi-disciplinary staff of professionals to prevent family and individual breakdown and achieve family growth and development.

Help is offered in stressful situations related to marital conflicts, troublesome child behavior, divorce, death, budget and debt management, and unresolved personal problems as well as growth and personal development.

The agency's intake process may begin either in person or over the phone.

Get on the bus to learn more about transferring

The Transfer Center is sponsoring "Get on the Bus for Success!" tours to six Illinois universities this spring. Orlando Lewis, director of the Transfer Center, has announced. The

tours are free of charge to JJC students.

Interested students should sign up as soon as possible in the Transfer Center, J-3036. Since only one van will be taken to each campus, students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

The schedule of schools and dates is as follows: Illinois State, Feb. 11; Lewis University, Feb. 20; Northern Illinois, Feb. 25; U. of I., Springfield, Feb. 27; U. of I., Champaign, March 11; Chicago State, April 3.

The Transfer Center also will present a series of workshops and rap sessions throughout the semester, according to Lewis. "The Financial Aid Transfer Workshop" will be conducted on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 10 a.m. on the bridge. A workshop on "The Transfer Process" was presented on Jan. 30.

Today on the bridge representatives from Oliver Nazarene and North Central College will be available to meet with students; on Friday Loyola University will be represented; Northeastern and Eastern this coming Monday. The schedule for the remainder of February includes College of St. Francis and St. Joseph Nursing, Thursday, Feb. 13; UIC, Monday, Feb. 17; Illinois State, Tuesday, Feb. 18; St. Joseph Nursing, Monday, Feb. 24; Western IL, Wednesday, Feb. 26; and Marquette, Thursday, Feb. 27.

Country dance

A country western dance will be held on campus February 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the JJC Cafeteria. All members of the JJC community are invited to attend free of charge. Elaine Razon, an instructor and dancer for ten years, will lead the activity.



'Mainstreet' attracted hundreds of students as they followed colorful balloons to display tables set up by JJC clubs. Photo coverage of the event is on Page 4

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From the desk of the Editor

By Stephen Hicks

Welcome back. I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break. I can honestly say that due to surgery I spent twenty-six days lying around watching the idiot box. Now, I am not bragging but I am not complaining either. My only problem was that I still live in medieval times. I only subscribe to basic cable service. I also still use a telephone that handles only one call, either incoming or outgoing, with no fancy technology attached. I know how deprived I am, but pity is appreciated.

It was nice to see at the beginning of this semester that some things never change at JJC. The hallways and the elevators were overcrowded. There were long lines at the kiosks and at registration. It made me smile to see students hurrying to classes. It made me laugh at how many students wait until the last possible minute to get straightened away

for the semester. Still laughing. I got in line at the kiosk.

My goal was to print out a bookstore voucher and purchase my textbooks. I assumed it would take only about thirty minutes to do all of this. Well, once again I am reminded of what "assume" means.

After spending precious moments of my life waiting for the voucher, I joined the plentiful and cheerful mass of students that were waiting to get in the bookstore. I joined the line when it reached the admissions office. The line at its peak reached to the balcony overlooking the cafeteria. After a twenty-minute wait, I went in and got my books. I then sat in another line to pay for my books. This took approximately fifty minutes. I was bewildered that the bookstore was not prepared for such an event.

Usually get my books the week before school starts so waiting has never been a problem. This time circumstances prevented me from coming to

school a week early. It really stinks that those of us that had good reasons for not getting to school early had to waste our time and wait in long lines just to pay outrageous prices for textbooks that will be bought back for one-third the price in sixteen weeks. Students that are always procrastinators should have to wait in line, but not that long. The lines at Disney World are shorter.

The bottom line is that the bookstore was not prepared. The boycott (or girlsout) that is running the show in the bookstore should have his or her badge revoked. Someone made a mistake by not staffing the bookstore properly. I know how tight the budget is, but put more people to work the first week of school. It might cost a little more but it would save so many headaches for all involved. It was nice to see that some things never change at JJC.

Please be careful

Remember that a car is not a toy

By Stacey Wills

The students of JJC need to use more caution when driving and exiting the parking lot because of visual limitations, winter weather, and the carelessness of others. Students need to realize that a car is not a toy and that if it is not handled properly, it can turn into a three-ton weapon.

Problems with JJC's parking lots involve the visibility of parking lines and oncoming traffic. The parking lots are supposed to have bright lines that divide designated parking areas, but the lines in our parking lots are practically transparent. When the rain falls, I cannot make out where the lines are supposed to be.

When I get ready to leave my parking spot, I experience a bit of tension. I know that when I get to the end of the lane, I am not going to be able to see oncoming traffic. I always creep out, wanting to say, "Hello, I am here and I cannot see you, so please slow down and let me

through." In any parking lot oncoming traffic should be able to be seen.

We have seen the snow; and we know that winter is here. With the snow comes the ice, and with the ice come accidents. Let's say that I am driving into the parking lot at a slow pace due to the icy conditions and a car behind me hits my car. The reason for this is that the driver was screwing around and did not realize how icy it was and could not stop in time. Some students only care about what others think; they believe the faster they go, the cooler people will think they are. I want to know how cool they feel when they total their car or Mommy or Daddy have to bring them to school. I do not want to be walking up to the door and get hit by a car that is sliding on the ice. Ice is very dangerous, and people need to take their time when driving on it.

There are yield signs when leaving the parking area, but rarely do I see people yielding. I

have seen students breezing past stop signs for the sole purpose of being first. I personally have been cut off trying to get to the road that leads off the campus. Once I was sitting at the stop sign behind another car when the car in front of me became impatient with the traffic and decided to go. That person who cut off two others, could have caused an accident.

One of the biggest problems I have seen is when people park too close. Let's say that I am sitting in my car listening to the remaining seconds of my favorite songs and a car pulls up to me, no more than one foot away. This person, who is in a hurry, does not realize how close he is and just lets his door fly open. Now that person has just dented the passenger door of my car. Parking spots were not made for two cars to share.

The parking lot situation is going to get worse as the years go on. I feel that the parking lot at JJC is more dangerous than the highway.

Boards give the scoop

Last issue's mystery picture was the bulletin board adjacent to the elevators on the fourth floor of J3-Building. There are similar bulletin boards throughout the campus at seven Campus Information Centers, (Cafeteria, second, third and fourth floors of J, D-Mall, second floor of B and T Concourse.) The boards contain the same information, which is posted each Friday.

Materials for posting must be submitted to the Office of Student Services and Activities by the preceding Wednesday. Forms are available from this office for advertising miscellaneous items such as things for sale, apartments for rent, ride-sharing, etc. All material submitted will be dated, stamped "approved," and posted for two weeks. Materials that need to be posted longer may be resubmitted.

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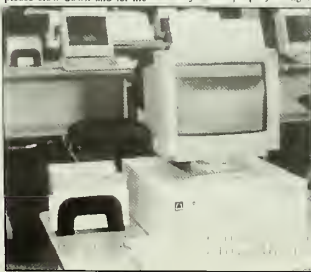
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JJC Study Session...



Cody

Letters to the Editor

Resolutions for a New Year

Dear Editor,

Becoming an adult is one of the most important lessons you can learn at college. It is not an elective, nor is it a requirement for any of the departments. Instead, for most people, it is something that just happens. Sometimes it can be learned quickly and at a very young age. And at times, it is very hard for some people to comprehend.

For a positive educational environment to exist, teachers

need cooperation from their students. This means that students need to behave like adults. Walking through the halls and common areas at JJC, I have noticed a lot of people acting like adults. I have also seen several that have not learned that lesson yet.

Loud noises from the hallway distract nearby classrooms. Individuals who can never seem to make it to class on time are the same folks who noisily and rudely gather up their belongings

before class has ended. Could these people be in a hurry to get to their next class? I wonder why some people stop in the middle of the bridge to talk with a passerby and block the path of travel? Or, who are the people that toss their butts in the landscape near the entrances? Everyone seems to be in a hurry to get from here to there. They hurry up and wait, like the race out of the parking lot to the light on Houbolt after class each day. Why not take time to enjoy the experience at college? Treat everyone in a pleasant manner, the way you would want to be treated. Be considerate of others and their time. Smile and be friendly, hold the door for people and say good morning to someone every day. And maybe some of your values will rub off onto others.

Bill Fox

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Jennifer Carroll's letter about abortion where she defends the right to be pro-choice because of what the Constitution says about "freedom." Yes, we are a free country. But what I believe that many people have forgotten or have not been taught in school is that our Constitution is based on Christian principles. Here are some examples of quotes from our founding fathers:

"First of all, I rely upon the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sins." - Samuel Adams, signer of the Declaration.

"Our government (constitution) was made only for a moral and religious people. It is

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But do they know when to fold 'em?

By Liz Vivanco

Euchre, spades, rummy, and poker are all card games students enjoy during their free time. However, is this cutting into people's much-needed study time? Is this an image we want to give to people visiting the campus?

Most students say they play cards to relax, because they're bored, or to "get away from the pressure of classes." Rachel Pergran, sophomore aviation major, says, "We don't play unless we don't have homework." In fact, she was doing a chemistry quiz at the time she said this, while her friends Matt Teeler and Gerardo Curiel, both freshmen, were playing Kings in the Corners. Teeler said playing card games is "something to do," and Curiel, psychology major, agrees. "It gets your mind off school and work."

Increasingly, people are seen playing cards, and studying is often put off until students arrive home. Rachel Cantone, freshman majoring in elementary education, says, "I play cards even if I have homework. I just do it at home." Some students say that it is impossible to study on campus. "The only place to really concentrate on

homework is in the library," says Chris Jacobs, sophomore nursing major. However, there are those who believe that not even in the library can they escape from the clutches of card games.

Benjamin Williams, sophomore education major, started this semester with six courses. He is currently taking three. "I play every day, sometimes up to five hours a day," he says. "I study at home because I can't concentrate in the library." Other students stay after classes to play cards. Often, they don't feel like going home or to work right after class.

As for the image that is given of the college, students believe that people don't think anything of the fact that more people are playing cards than studying. "The kids that come to visit the college should want to go to school here because they see us enjoying playing cards," says Nick Carpenter, freshman.

Dave Bueller, sophomore majoring in business, was busy studying on the Concourse. He says that the card playing shows the difference between high school and college. "You can make your own rules about studying," he says. "If I had time, I would play cards too."

A touch for class

Getting rid of bugs will cut out redial

By Connie Wozniak

It was a good idea, and it still is. It just needs a few bugs worked out of it. Automated Touch-tone Registration didn't go as smoothly as we expected, but the Registrar's office is working on it.

Touch-tone registration was designed as a convenience for students. They no longer have to wait in long lines to register in person. Students can register from home as late as 7:50 p.m., as long as they understand the system.

Dr. Carolyn Engers, dean of counseling and registrar, acknowledges that there were a few system problems, as well as user problems. During this past registration period, the Registrar's office has already begun brainstorming, and several recommendations have been made to eliminate some of the headaches students faced using the telephone registration system.

The system choked where prerequisites were concerned. Engers stated in a memo, "Because of the multitude of prerequisite blockings, the operator-assisted registration telephone lines were constantly busy." The system does not check cumulative G.P.A.'s, re-

quiring the COMPASS test, consent of instructor, and some equivalent courses. The system was misinformed about some course numbers. Some students were blocked just by the computer, was being notified on these problems were requested so they came to light.

However, many problems (site blocks) were left unattended. Freshmen not previously registered were not eligible to register by touch-tone. High school course are not on line and could not be accessed as prerequisites. Students with holds on their records could not access touch-tone registration. The telephone can communicate only so much information to the computer system, and certain matters need more data than that which is available across those lines.

Phone lines were disconnected if students were indecisive and passed too long. Many students tried for hours before even getting a connection. "I tried all evening the first night, and didn't get through until the third day," said freshman Stephanie Breen. Carla Swinke, a communications major, said, "I kept hitting redial on my cellphone until I got through. It took

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Emma Michaels talks with club member Michael Robertson about the Native American Club display, which included numerous artifacts.



Sarah Gugerty, Horticulture Club member, promotes the raffle for a Bulls ticket that this organization used as a money-maker at "Main Street."

**JJC's
growing
number of
clubs lined
both sides of
'Main Street'**

**on Jan. 22
and Jan. 23
as members
invited
students to
view their
displays and
sign up to
participate.**



Jack McCracken, left, is president of the Automated Systems Club and Art Aldaco is a member of ASC and ISA, the Instrumentation Society of America. The clubs shared a booth at "Main Street."

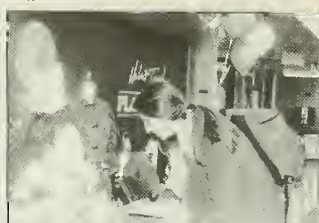


Elvin Holloway, left, and Tony Sowinski are promoting JJC's History Club, which brings a full agenda of speakers, videos, and other programs to the campus.

**Follow the brick road down
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to
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City--
a wealth
of clubs.**

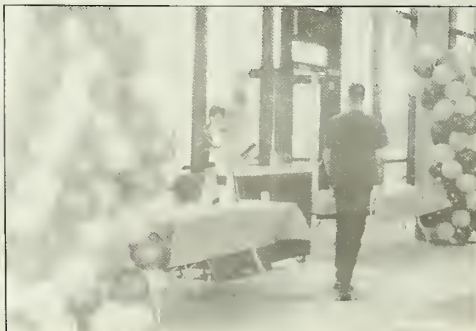


Above-- Len Hodgman, retired JJC faculty member who is active in both the Graphology and Parapsychology Clubs, and Lou Fry, program director for Parapsychology, consider program topics for the clubs. Graphology meets the first Friday of each month and Parapsychology the third Friday.



Brian Stanley gives some pertinent information about JC players to Tera Jensen.

Below-- Marv Bennett, vice-president, and David Crudup, president, confer over plans for JJC's newest club, the War Council. This group enjoys role-playing, collectible cards, and strategy games. They are at present in search of a sponsor, after which they will seek formal recognition as a campus club.



Dozens of green balloons formed the arch over "Emerald City," the information booth outside the office of Student Activities.

Unity asks, 'Why can't we all get along?'



Jewell Dennis, Debra Carpenter, and Tawana Hughes greet visitors at the Unity Club display. Carpenter is vice-president of the club, which Dennis and Hughes co-sponsor.

Horoscopes -- By Sherry Pivnicki

Aquarius (January 21-February 18): Happy Birthday, Aquarius! The upcoming year will be one of excitement and adventure, not to mention you'll form many long-lasting relationships. Don't be nervous...put your best foot forward and you'll do great. Your money situation will greatly improve, and as long as you keep a positive outlook on life, you'll be rewarded.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): It's time to get your head out of the clouds and focus on your responsibilities. Step back and take a good look at your life and see what improvements need to be made. Realize that change can be good, so don't take any unnecessary risks.

Aries (March 21-April 20): Many opportunities will be coming your way, Aries. Whether it be in the workplace or in relationships, don't hesitate—Act now! Avoid arguments you've been taking things too personally lately. Touch up your appearance—you'll be noticed for it.

Taurus (April 21-May 21): Now's the time to sit back and relax before your social life catches up with you. Good things come to those who wait. Forget past disappointments and concentrate on your future. You'll be lucky in love this weekend!

Gemini (May 22-June 21): Relationships seem to be going strong at the moment, but don't take it for granted. Be grateful for the little things your partner does for you; you'll be appreciated for it in the long run. Outsiders may influence your relationship in a negative way. Don't stand for it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Apprehensiveness will get you nowhere, Cancer! If you want something, go for it! Whether it be in your love life or career, take that extra step. Love is coming your way around the 15th. Keep your wits about you and you'll be fine.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22): New partnerships will be formed around the 20th. Since Aquarius is your house of partnerships, new individuals will play a key role in your life. Beena little more lately! Keep your personal feelings to yourself or you may end up not only hurting others, but yourself as well.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Love has been right in front of your nose—Don't throw out any possibilities. Friends can make the best lovers, you know! Surprises are coming your way. A friend tries to manipulate you—Don't give in.

Libra (September 23-October 22): Love plus love and happiness are in store for you in 1997. Use your talents to achieve the best of your ability. It's time to say goodbye to a past relationship; better things are coming your way. Lucky numbers are 5, 15, and 23.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21): After much soul searching, you finally feel you have got your life under control. You have a tendency to procrastinate this month. Stay on top of things. Scorpio's are mysterious, so find a way to surprise the love of your life—they'll love you for it!

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Traveling and vacations are a must in 1997. Take a break of a vacation and just sit back and enjoy yourself. Stress in the workplace and just life in general have gotten the best of you lately. Love seems a little on the rocks. Be patient and everything will come your way.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): 1997 holds great promises for you, Capricorn! This year shows Money! Money! Money! This financial bubble is sure to burst, so take advantage of it right away. Love brings great luck and adds spice to your life, so enjoy it. Lucky numbers are 1, 23, and 29.

By Kyle Sing

"We are all God's children. Why shouldn't we be able to get together and get along?"

This is the question that is the guiding force behind the Unity Club at JJC. "The purpose of Unity is to bring different people together to learn from one another without fear," said Club Co-sponsor Tawana Hughes, JJC supervisor in reproductive and clerical.

Hughes believes that the only way to bridge the gap in race relations in our school and community is by actively going out and learning about and understanding different people. "We have to learn that we're all the same except for our color, we shouldn't let that decide whom we associate with."

Club Co-sponsor Jewell Dennis stresses that one of the club's main missions is to provide community, social, and educational enrichment for all students. As part of this effort, Dennis, program coordinator for Project Advance, Support Services, plans to have workshops in community churches at which she can help students and their parents fill out the often-confusing financial aid forms for college.

Unity is new club aimed at making positive changes in JJC and in the community by bringing together people of different ethnic backgrounds. African Americans, Whites, Hispanics, Asians, as one is excluded.

Hughes is quick to point out that even though the current membership is predominantly African American, many people of different races have expressed interest in the club. "This is not an African American club. It is for all people who want to make

'We should be able to learn from each other without fear'

positive changes in and out of JJC, so everybody come on down."

Hughes said that Unity's core members show a really positive outlook and provide good ideas for pushing the club to include all people. "It makes me so happy to know that people want to put forth the effort to do good."

"They've got some great ideas!" explained Hughes. "Last summer we went to Roosevelt University, the Taste of Chicago, and the Spirit of Chicago, and we've got some great activities coming up."

Both Dennis and Hughes want people to remember that this club isn't all fun and games. "We want to have open discussions on what people feel about racism and how to bridge the gaps. People need to be open-minded and give Unity a chance."

The co-sponsors stress that even though the message of Unity is a serious one, the club must also have fun to accomplish its goal. Unity's activities have included a dramatic musical seminar on Kwanzaa, which featured blues, jazz, and reggae music, on December 9, a turkey raffle, November 16, and in February a celebration of African American history month, "Men of Color," will take place.

Although Unity has planned many activities like college visits, festivals, dances, etc., Hughes doesn't want the main goal of unity to be overlooked.

Hughes told a story of a friend of hers who was at the

grocery store in line to check out. "In front of her was a little girl who was so petrified of an African American being so close to her she nearly knocked down her mother. I felt that was sad, and it doesn't have to be that way. Hopefully Unity will get the ball rolling big enough so we won't have to see that."

Iroquois speaker

Florece Dunham of the Iroquois tribe will speak tonight at 7 p.m. to JJC's Native American Club. The public is welcome to attend the talk in the TV Studio, J-3011. Dunham is a storyteller who will also talk about Iroquois culture.

EET to meet

Ron Reiger from Caterpillar will be the guest lecturer at the Electronics Engineering Technology Club on Friday, February 14. His topics will include employer—financed education, CVC, troubleshooting, repair, and maintenance of industrial equipment.

Judo Club wins

Members of JJC's Judo Club won two gold medals, one silver, and one bronze at "Santa's Show: The Jolly Old Fat Man's Judo Tournament" held December 14 at Marian College in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. They were competing in the open rank division.

Awards were as follows: Tim Anchor, Orange belt, heavyweight, defeated a Green belt, gold medal; Mike Koerner, Green belt, lightweight, defeated a Black belt, gold medal; Kris Buchias, Yellow belt, featherweight, silver medal; John Bochias, Yellow belt, heavyweight, bronze medal; and Joe Viscomi, White belt, medium weight, bronze medal.

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CD Reviews

By Dennis Neuzil
& Erica Gallagher

Rex "C"

"Relaxing." This is the key word to remember when listening to the second album by Chicago's own Rex. Using pianos, trumpets, cellos and string arrangements, Rex manages to produce a rather soothing seventy minutes of genius on "C."

Rex's sound is somewhat comparable to the hand's Midwest associations with the likes of "June of 44," "Red Red Meat" and "Come," especially in the structure of the songs on Rex's "C." Virtually every track on "C" begins with an acoustic guitar and slowly, but surely, builds and gets more intricate with the addition of instruments and sounds. The songs "New Son" and "Audre La'Mort" force the listener to actually think. It is the perfect mind music when reminding about old times. Or to fall asleep to.

Overall "C" like many albums, has its good points and its not-so-good points. The good points are it's an experiment gone well...a mellow, complicated disc which relaxes the listener and makes the listener think. In my view, there is only one had point: the last song where guitarist/singer Curtis

Harvey's mother sings. Thank God it's only a minute long.

Pre-Millennium Tension

Tricky's latest Island Record release, "Pre-Millennium Tension," is an example of the creative and futuristic sounds and the style that music listeners need to be exposed to. "PMT" lives up to its expectations of being a phenomenal follow-up to the 1995 release "Muxenquay."

Tricky includes a series of musicians and mixers fronted by Adrian Thaws—"Tricky Kid" himself—and his lovely counterpart, Martina. Marina and Thaws are offering a feast of rap, rock, funk and techno to audiences who crave a new sound. Tricky could easily spread its wings and fly into the CD shelves of every man but remaining low key seems to appeal to the hand. Nonetheless, Tricky will probably receive some critical acclaim as they continue to tour for this album. Marina and Thaws are offering a feast of rap, rock, funk and techno to audiences who crave a new sound.

Tricky as a hand.

Thaws, who raps and sings on many of the album's tracks, claims that he's no vocalist or dancer and points out his inability to give a good visual performance on stage. He uses very dim light at his shows, in some cases, barely any at all. (Perhaps that's his way of staying out of the spotlight.)

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By Elvin Holloway

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CD Reviews

By Dennis Neuzil
& Erica Gallagher

Rex "C"

"Relaxing." This is the key word to remember when listening to the second album by Chicago's own Rex. Using pianos, trumpets, cellos and strange string arrangements, Rex manages to produce a rather soothing seventy minutes of genius on "C."

Rex's sound is somewhat comparable to the band's Midwest associations with the likes of "June of 44," "Red Red Meat" and "Comet," especially in the structure of the songs on Rex's "C." Virtually every track on "C" begins with an acoustic guitar and slowly, but surely, builds and gets more intricate with the addition of instruments and sounds. The songs "New Son" and "Audre La Mort" force the listener to actually think. It is the perfect mind music when reminiscing about old times. Or to fall asleep to.

Overall "C," like many albums, has its good points and its not-so-good points. The good points are it's an experiment gone well... a mellow, complicated disc which relaxes the listener and makes the listener think. In my view, there is only one bad point: the fast song where guitar/singer Curtis

Harvey's mother sings. Thank God it's only a minute long.

Pre-Millennium Tension

Tricky's latest Island Record release, "Pre-Millennium Tension," is an example of the creative and futuristic sounds and the style that music listeners need to be exposed to. "PMT" lives up to its expectations of being a phenomenal follow-up to the 1995 release "Maxinquaye."

Tricky includes a series of musicians and mixers fronted by Adrian Thaws—"Tricky Kid" himself—and his lovely counterpart, Martina. This breakthrough album, including everything from funky bass lines to techno influences, was recorded in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Although some of the lyrical format resembles hard-core rap, this English duo uses a lot of other types of music from free style to rapping vocals, hip hop to rock 'n' roll and everything in between. With the dawn of computer-generated sounds, Tricky indulges in the new way of techno experience. In "Makes Me Wanna Die," Martina introduces soft, mellow vocals. In fact, with her soothing feminine voice, she adds a fix to the essence of

Tricky as a band.

Thaws, who raps and sings on many of the album's tracks, claims that he's no vocalist or dancer and points out his inability to give a good visual performance on stage. He uses very dim light at his shows, in some cases, hardly any at all. (Perhaps that's his way of staying out of the spotlight.)

Tricky could easily spread its wings and fly into the CD shelves of every man but retaining low key seems to appeal to the band. Nonetheless, Tricky will probably receive some critical acclaim as they continue to tour for this album. Martina and Thaws are offering a fast of rap, rock, funk and techno to audiences who crave a new sound.

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JJC SPORTS NOTES

New Sports Editor

The *Blazer's* new sports editor is Carla Swinke, who has been an active member of the sports staff since the new staff was organized. Carla is also a student worker in the JJC Athletic Department.

A communications major, her goal is to become a sports television broadcaster. A 1996 Minooka High School graduate, Carla started high school at Joliet West.

Her plans for the *Blazer* sports page include a "player of the month" personality feature and more action photographs as well as recruiting more sports writers. She has enlisted the aid of Betha Cramer and Roy Hernan as columnists.

Game Time

The final regular season home game for the men's and women's basketball team is Tuesday, Feb. 18, women's 5 p.m., men's 7 p.m. They will be playing conference foe, Rock Valley C.C.

Wanted

Male student for stunts and tumbling at men's basketball games. Contact Pam at G-1002 or call ext. 2431.

Fitness Center

February's Market Day form will be available by Friday, Feb. 7, and due back at the Fitness Center on Friday, Feb. 14. Pick-up is on Tuesday 25.



Carla Swinke

Dance Classes offer exercise

Joliet Junior college is offering two more opportunities to learn a new skill, have some fun and get some good exercise in its ballroom and swing dance classes.

Ballroom Dance (UNCL 2432-F1) meets at the Plainfield Park District from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 6-March 27.

Swing Dance (UNCL 2431-30) meets in the Main Campus Cafeteria from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, March 4-April 29.

To register, call (815) 744-2200 from Joliet; (815) 942-4560 from Morris; (815) 438-2174 from the Bolingbrook, Romeoville and Lenox areas; or 1-800-369-2200 from other communities in the college district. For a schedule of Spring 1997 classes, call the information line at (815) 744-JJC1 (5521).

By Mark Gregory

Look! It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's... O.K. maybe it wouldn't work here because Betha Cramer can't fly, or leap a building in a single bound; she doesn't even have X-ray vision. What she does do, however, could be considered super.

Betha Cramer, among many other titles, is sports editor for the *Blazer*. Beginning with this issue, she is turning that title over to Carla Swinke, but she will still be around to contribute. Betha assigns stories to the various sportswriters, keeps everyone on task and writes her own "Sports Notes" column. Betha's association with the *Blazer* began last year while enrolled in a journalism class. She was asked if she would assist in bringing the newspaper back into circulation after a brief stoppage. She accepted and began to produce a series of interesting sports pages. She gets help from Dave Parker, sports information director, who contributes advice, statistics and photographs.

Betha also works with Dave in the JJC Athletic Department. This opportunity also came her way via journalism. As the story goes, Betha went into the sports office seeking permission to do an interview with an athlete for the *Blazer*. She left with permission for the interview and a job. "They needed help," Betha says. "They offered and I accepted." Working in the athletic office is not only enjoyable for Betha but also helpful to her position as



Betha Cramer

sports editor. She has a lot of information at her fingertips and is always around the coaches and athletic administrators.

Employment and an editing responsibility were the farthest things from Betha's mind when she enrolled last year with plans to take one computer class. Well, that class led to another class and eventually to Marlon Sorenson's journalism program. When Sorenson, who was also Betha's advisor, signed her up for the journalism class, it began a relationship that Betha says she has really enjoyed. "Mrs. Sorenson and I," she adds, "have been through a lot of ups and downs in the past year."

If going from taking one class to averaging nine credit hours, an on-campus job and a position on the *Blazer* seems hectic, wait until you hear the rest. On top of her JJC commitments, Betha has a husband to whom she has been married for

thirty years, three children, and a dog. Although two of her children are married and one, Chad, attends College of St. Francis, her life is still not quiet. Betha also cares for her eighty-five-year-old father. The only hint of Betha's age comes when she admits to being the oldest student in most classes. Her actions make her look more like an incoming freshman than a returning adult. When she has time to relax, her time is spent either watching her son play basketball or attending a JJC game.

Unfortunately, Betha will be stepping down as sports editor, however, she will remain on the *Blazer* staff. She cites the reason for her choice as "wanting to let someone else get experience." It is not only a love for sports that will keep Betha on the *Blazer*, but a love for the staff. She says, "I love all of the sports writers that write for me." She also enjoys working under *Blazer* editor Stephen Hicks.

"Working for Steve has been a treat," she says. She also wants everyone to know that "Although Steve is in a wheelchair, he is not handicapped." Steve has the same feelings about Betha. He says, "Betha is a nice-of-a-kind lady, a rough and tumble type. I am glad I am friends with her. I wouldn't want to get on her bad side," he adds. "She could squash you like a bug." (For an exact explanation of that, write the editor.) On behalf of the sports writers, it should be said that Betha is a joy to work for and will be missed very much as editor.

Is child care the answer?

By Carla Swinke

As a follow up to the survey the JJC staff in regard to women's tennis at JJC and women's participation in other sports, the staff conducted sport interviews with JJC students. Here are the answers from four women students. They suggest that child care is a major need, building school spirit and advertising sports were other suggestions.

Gina Barbosa— "More women would participate in sports if practices were flexible and they had child care."

Leshan Bridges— "We need more school spirit. They also need child care."

Tanya Talbot— "I think they need a swimming team. They should use the facilities at Galloway YMCA. Practices should work around schedules and have child care provided."

Rachel Voss— "I did not know we had sports here. I guess they need to advertise more."



Tanya



Rachel



Gina



Leshan

Sports Shorts
By Roy Hernan

Hello, everybody, and welcome to Sports Shorts! I know I have some big shoes to fill from the last guy, but I am more than ready to begin. For those of you new readers, the last guy was Mark Gregory and his Wacky World of Sports. Mark left us to make his mark on the world. O.K., let's get ready to mangle!

Sox get wacky The White Sox capped off a busy offseason with the signings of reliever Roger McDowell and catcher Tony Peña to minor league contracts with the chance to make the big league roster. Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said after last year that the team wanted to get more players with wacky personalities and with Albert Belle and Tony Phillips already in back, that's what they have.

Brown to show off dunks? Bulls reserve Guard Rauli Brown has been receiving flak from his teammates about joining the slum dunk contest, and I say, "Why not?" What else will Brown be doing that weekend, and with one of our players in it, it might make the contest of bench warmers worth watching.

Congrats to cheeseheads That's right. You need it correctly, congratulations to cheeseheads. Your team had a good year and deserves what it has, but all you Packer hackers who believe this team is better than Da 1985 believe better come back down to earth. Be happy, for you folks deserve to be, but when it's all over and everyone of you sober up, you still have the Milwaukee Brew crew and the Milwaukee Bucks to root for.

Closing remarks: Dennis Rodman should have been disciplined for kicking the cameraman, but I feel the league was too harsh. Eleven games and a trip to the psychologist was too much. I feel maybe 5 games would have been enough with a meeting with the commissioner to clear the air. Professional athletes are role models whether they like it or not, but what we have to understand is they are human beings and they are not perfect. What we have to realize and tell the kids is that sports are for entertainment purposes only. It's O.K. to watch them and play them, but we shouldn't pattern our lives after the individuals.

Meet The Candidates March 12

Board supports Gamble on football



JJC's Derrick Duckworth and Jason May tackle DuPage's Jeff Coleman.

By Stephen Hicks
& Roy Herman

President Thomas Gamble and a majority of the board members are in favor of continuing the football program but a formal vote was not taken at the February 10 board meeting.

Gamble was told a month ago that some of the football programs in the N4C conference were being discontinued before the start of the 1997 season. A special meeting of the Presidents and the Athletic Directors was held via teleconference on Friday, February 7. At the meeting, Gamble was the only president to vote in favor of keeping the program.

According to Dr. Gamble, unlike some of the N4C football programs, JJC has kept the program budget "in check." That could be a big factor in keeping the program. With travel costs averaging between four and five thousand dollars to play other junior college teams outside of Illinois, Gamble thinks that the board will have a serious decision because of the lack of comparable competition within a reasonable distance. Gamble does not feel it is being "fiscally responsible" to play teams in Kansas or Texas.

Another problem that Gamble and the board will face is making sure that women's and men's sports remain financially equal. JJC meets all Title Nine regulations for women's sports but is in need of a full-time women's athletic coach. "Ama-

jority of the students are women, and so we not owe them a reasonable proportion of the pie?" said Gamble.

At the board meeting Dr. Gamble said, "We are our own individuals. We are not going to let others force us to do anything against our own will. Football has been a part of our institution for 47 years and we plan to play in 1997."

Wayne King, who is Athletic Director as well as JJC's baseball coach, spoke in favor of the football program at the board meeting. "I feel concern not only for football but also for our other sports. If we drop this program, then what's to say that there will not be a trickle-down effect from this decision on other programs in the future?" Board members added that they felt the timing of the conference being dropped was bad and wanted to know how he felt. He responded, "It is terrible. A decision should have been made back in November so the kids in our communities could have time to know their academic and football futures."

Coach John Rossetti has submitted to Gamble a new schedule of teams JJC can play and said, "It will not cost us a penny more to play this schedule. If anything, I feel it might even be cheaper." Dr. Gamble was pleased with the new schedule but it has not been released yet. The schedule will include two Iowa teams that JJC played last year.

Coach Rossetti, who resigned before the board meeting, said he did not have enough praise for President Gamble and Wayne King. "They are outstanding people. We have communicated well all along. I feel very fortunate to work with great communicators and great people. These are the kind of people I want to work for."

Tuition increase proposed

By Stephen Hicks

President Thomas Gamble and Vice President of Business and Finance Thomas Ryan proposed a two-dollar increase in tuition to the Board of Trustees at the February 10 board meeting.

The increase from \$39 to \$41 per semester hour was estimated by Plan-Sim. Plan-Sim is a computer program that estimates all sources of revenue and spending and determines the necessary increases for the next term. The Plan-Sim originally projected a three-dollar increase, but after reestimating state revenues, Gamble felt a two-dollar increase would be sufficient.

According to Dr. Gamble, the program has been in use for many years at JJC and is "relatively accurate." The Plan-Sim can project figures three to five years ahead.

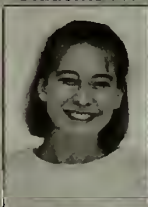
Keeping tuition down is a priority for Dr. Gamble. "It is an access question to our students. Every time we raise tuition, we reduce the access to students and what they can afford to pay." JJC tuition costs are on the lower side compared to other Chicagoland metropolitan junior colleges.

Compensation issues for faculty are open for contract negotiation this year. "We hope to complete the negotiations by the end of this term and we estimate no complications," says Gamble.

Compensation issues would not be projected by Plan-Sim, but they are figured into the proposed tuition increase. The school has not had a referendum in twenty years. Inflation of property has allowed JJC to remain competitive with their tuition rates. "Our goal is to have a 'one-third's policy'. One-third paid by taxes, one-third by the state, and one-third by the students." The percentages are close, but the state has reduced its portion, and the remainder is made up by property taxes and student tuition.

The Board of Trustees will vote on the proposed increase at the March 10 board meeting.

Students react...



Sherry Pivnicki

"I don't want one because I do not think anyone can really afford it. It makes it rough on us all."



Dan Dorion

"Maybe an increase for part-time students. Prices are high enough for a junior college. It would be okay for scholarships or academic improvement but not for salary increases."



Greg Gallagher

"I do not want one, but if you compare the tuition to a university minus the room and board, the increase would still be small."



Erica Gallagher

"Tuition in addition to book prices is not the end of the world. Education is priceless."

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Is moshing a dangerous risk or a harmless outlet?

By Erica Gallagher

During the early nineties in Seattle, a post-punk movement known today as "alternative" gradually spread to the mainstream. Along with it came dance, "moshing," which itself derived from a late seventies punk dance called "slam dancing." Moshing involves a group of people who form a circle (pit), skip around the inside and collide intentionally. Moshing now, unlike before, is wide-spread and has no limits. It occurs mainly during concerts by loud, hard bands but can erupt during those by middle-of-the-road performers. This is why alternative music is a perfect medium for moshers.

"Music got faster and people want to move faster with it," said Michelle Sinkavich, freshman. Has music really gotten faster, or has our perception of fun gotten distorted? Michael Mitchell, whose son died in a mosh pit in 1994, would probably say that danger and fun proved fatal in his son's case. Chris Mitchell, his son, was thrown into a crowdless gap by a bouncer after attempting to stage dive in a Brooklyn club. Although Mitchell's choice and bad timing ended his life, there are hundreds just like him who find no threat in moshing.

Moshing is usually accompanied by stage diving, crowd surfing and stage rushing, which are just as risky. These

activities can be even more of a danger to bystanders. "I'm 6'4" and 260 lbs.; no one can put me down. I can handle myself in the pit," sophomore Jason Cutic said. "It's one thing to be a big guy, but imagine how it feels to be a 5'5" 120 lb. girl and to get crushed by an airborne body or slammed into by layers of people."

"It's not fair that non-moshers get hurt so that moshers can have fun because some people just want to enjoy the concert," said Doug Tibbs, freshman. Those who want to enjoy the concert, however, will have to stay a safe distance from the stage. Non-moshers should't even bother attending small venues which sometimes offer only general admission. Although concert promoters express their disapproval of moshing and tickets now say, "No Moshing/Body Surfing," little crowd response has followed. If anything, the moshing has broadened and become more violent. Kicking and punching can be seen in the pit, but reported cases of slashing are less common. As moshing goes mainstream, more and more variations can be expected.

Contrary to what most critics conclude, moshing serves some purpose to the individuals involved. Moshing, aside from involuntary bruises, is an emo-

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Letters to the Editor A former editor writes about life after Juco

Dear Editor:

I cannot believe it has been over 1.5 years since graduating from JUCO. Let me tell you, a lot has been going on here in the Valley of the Sun.

Initially, I wanted to be a residents' assistant at one of the residence halls but was ineligible because of not having credit hours at Arizona State University. So I interviewed for the position of Ambassador and received it at the newest residence hall on campus. My job responsibilities were to give prospective students and their parents tours of the complex, work the front desk, and babysit a hall of 85% freshmen.

During my first semester I worked at the campus radio station as an assistant D.J. and sports reporter. Then, approximately two weeks into class, I interviewed for a position in the Arizona Cardinals football team's video department. Seventy applicants and one week later, I got the internship. I worked in the video department at the Cardinals' practice facility and helped set up home games. Pretty much, I had seven tickets for free. In the spring, I had my own morning show at the campus station. If only we could broadcast farther than two blocks!

In the summer, I interned at an alternative rock radio station. Also over the summer, I kept in touch with the Cardinals

and helped during some rookie and training camps. This is when the dream came true. A new staff wanted more done with the video department, so I was asked to travel with the team for the 1996 season. All 20 games! All travel and accommodations were paid for as I traveled with a pro football team to San Diego, Atlanta, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Boston, Dallas, New York, D.C., Philly and New Orleans. During games, I did anything from being a camera person to working fax machines. And I have been invited back for next season.

I may have missed you with all of this radio and video work. That is not what I want to do upon graduating in December. I am gaining experience in all areas because it will assist me when I start in a small-market television station as a sports reporter. As soon as I get through all the paperwork, I will be at CBS or Fox in Phoenix in the sports department. This will allow me to put together my resume tape to use in my job search.

Hey, the weather isn't too bad either!

Chris Wiegat

Editor's Note:

John Wiegat was a Blazer editor year before last. He is now a graduate of the Walter Cronkite School of Jour-

nalism and Telecommunication at Arizona State University.

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Letters to the Editor A former editor writes about life after Juco

Dear Editor:

I cannot believe it has been over 15 years since graduating from JUCO. Let me tell you, a lot has been going on here in the Valley of the Sun.

Initially, I wanted to be a residents' assistant at one of the residence halls but was ineligible because of not having credit hours at Arizona State University. So I interviewed for the position of Ambassador and received it at the newest residence hall on campus. My job responsibilities were to give prospective students and their parents tours of the complex, work the front desk, and babysit a hall of 85% freshmen.

During my first semester I worked at the campus radio station as an assistant D.J. and sports reporter. Then, approximately two weeks into class, I interviewed for a position in the Arizona Cardinals football team's video department. Seventy applicants and one week later, I got the internship. I worked in the video department at the Cardinals' practice facility and helped set up home games. Pretty much, I had seven tickets for free. In the spring, I had my own morning show at the campus station. If only we could broadcast farther than two blocks!

In the summer, I interned at an alternative rock radio station. Also over the summer, I kept in touch with the Cardinals

and helped during some rookie and training camps. This is when the dream came true. A new staff wanted more done with the video department, so I was asked to travel with the team for the 1996 season. All 20 games! All travel and accommodations were paid for as I traveled with a pro football team to San Diego, Atlanta, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Boston, Dallas, New York, D.C., Philly and New Orleans. During games, I did anything from being a camera person to working fax machines. And I have been invited back for next season.

I may have misled you with all of this radio and video work. That is not what I want to do upon graduating in December. I am gaining experience in all areas because it will assist me when I start in a small-market television station as a sports reporter. As soon as I get through all the paperwork, I will be at CBS or Fox in Phoenix in the sports department. This will allow me to put together my resume tape to use in my job search.

Hey, the weather isn't too bad either!

John Wiclag

Editor's Note:

John Wiclag was a *Blazer* editor year before last. He is now a graduate of the Walter Cronkite School of Jour-

nalism and Telecommunication at Arizona State University.

Is moshing a dangerous risk or a harmless outlet?

By Erica Gallager

During the early nineties in Seattle, a post-punk movement known today as "alternative" gradually spread to the mainstream. Along with it came a dance, "moshing," which itself derived from a late seventies punk dance called "slam dancing." Moshing involves a group of people who form a circle (pit), skip around the inside and collide intentionally. Moshing now, unlike before, is wide-spread and has no limits. It occurs mainly during concerts by loud, hard bands but can erupt during those by middle-of-the-road performers. This is why alternative music is a perfect medium for moshers.

"Music got faster and people want to move faster with it," said Michelle Sinekovich, freshman. Has music really gotten faster, or has our perception of fun gotten distorted? Michael Mitchell, whose son died in a mosh pit in 1994, would probably say that danger and fun proved fatal in his son's case. Chris Mitchell, his son, was thrown into a crowdless gap by a bouncer after attempting to stage dive in a Brooklyn club. Although Mitchell's choice and bad timing ended his life, there are hundreds just like him who find no threat in moshing.

Moshing is usually accompanied by stage diving, crowd surfing and stage rushing, which are just as risky. These

activities can be even more dangerous to bystanders. "I'm 6'6" and 260 lbs.; no one can put me down. I can handle myself in a pit," sophomore Jason Co said. "It's one thing to be a guy, but imagine how it feels to be a 5'5" 120 lb. girl and to be crushed by an airborne body slammed into by layers of people."

"It's not fair that moshers get hurt so that most can have fun because so people just want to enjoy a concert," said Doug Tih freshman. Those who want to enjoy the concert, however, have to stay a safe distance from the stage. Non-moshers shouldn't even bother attending small venues which sometimes offer only general admission. Although concert promoters press their disapproval of moshing and tickets now say "No Moshing/Body Surfing," little crowd response has followed. If anything, the mosh has broadened and become more violent. Kicking and punching can be seen in the pit, but ported cases of slashing are common. As moshing goes mainstream, more and more variations can be expected.

Contrary to what critics conclude, moshing serves some purpose to the individual involved. Moshing, aside from involuntary bruises, is an

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CD Review

By Sarah McNabb

Metallica is great

With their release of their relatively new album, *Load*, Metallica has been on a tour of North America since December of this past year, and Chicago was lucky enough to be on their schedule for three concerts—February 7, 8, and 9. By the act of God, I happened to acquire second-row seats for the February 7 show, and I must say that Metallica's stage show, as well as awesome sound, was the best I have seen thus far.

The stage setup at the Rosemont was perfect; there really were no bad seats at all and signs posted said not to be surprised if you see yourself on MTV because they were filming this concert. Metallica's rocking sound was loud, but not unclear, and they sounded very much like they do on their CD's. The group *Corrosion of Conformity* opened for Metallica for the first 45 minutes, and when Metallica ran out onto the stage, that whole building just shook.

The show had a clever theme: in a couple of Paris technicians and security had to go on stage to put out a dysfunctional light tower or a small fire that had gone out of control during a fireworks stunt, flying sparks and all. Toward the end of the show one of the light towers sparked up again, and this time a bunch of technicians ran out onto the stage trying to put the fire out. Some more sparks showered from the lights above, and things started to fall. The guy operating the overhead lights tossed his rope ladder and scrambled down in a flurry to fall and be jolted by his hungee cord. Paramedics raced to the scene, and someone working in the center of the stage operating a pit ran out engulfed in flames. The song came to an end and the band did a good job of looking panicky. I, myself, thought it was actually happening. Five minutes later when the band came back to play some more, I knew it was staged. Very realistic.

The whole show was great. We could see the sweat falling from their bodies. They definitely put their all into it. We left raving, and everyone kept saying "That kicked @\$\$!" It did indeed!

Now Showing

Let the trilogy begin

By Sarah McNabb

As the theater darkened, all the people in their seats held their breath as the opening words flying through space foretold the saga of a prospective galactic war between the evil Empire and the Rebellion. And I was one of those who experienced it all!

The special edition of *Star Wars*, rumored about by *Star Wars* buffs and anxiously waited upon, has arrived. Let the trilogy begin. Since it was a hit in the 70's kids who have grown up carrying around lunch boxes with "Yoda" on them, action figures of "Luke Skywalker," "Han Solo," and "Princess Leia," didn't even dream that they'd again see the transition into hyperspace on the big screen. It was just a great relivable experience made re-available by the immortal George Lucas.

Trying to top the biggest box-office smash of all time—*E.T.*—Lucas added scenes to this one that were previously cut and a few extra digitally-enhanced scenes to give this edition that "extra kick." It worked. The sound was also in its prime as the theme songs thundered everyone into the war.

Star Wars: The Special Edition will be followed in upcoming months by the other two movies in the series: *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi*. In my own opinion, seeing the trilogy on the big screen leaves the VCR versions in the dust. I highly recommend experiencing this classic series. In closing, I would like to remind everyone that friends don't let friends get cut in half by a light sabre, and may the force be with you.

Musica Viva presents two concerts

Musica Viva, Joliet Junior College's guest artist recital series, presented cellist Jacqueline Woolley in the first concert of 1997.

The concert was held Sunday, Jan. 26, in the Fine Arts Theatre. A pre-concert lecture was held at 2:30 p.m.

Woolley has performed with the Chicago Youth Symphony and Civic Orchestra of Chicago. She also has performed in Japan and will be performing in Indonesia.

Musica Viva presented music for woodwinds and piano at its last concert on Feb. 2. A preconcert lecture was presented at 2:30 p.m. Five graduate students from Indiana University's renowned School of Music performed music of Mozart, Beethoven and Saint-Saens. The musicians, from the U.S., Canada, Japan and Korea, have won numerous prizes. They have extensive experience as soloists, orchestral and band performers, and chamber musicians.



Cast members (seated 1 to 2) Brandon Maberry, Justin Marchetti, and Eleni Andriadiadis and Michele Rogan rehearse a scene from the musical *Brigadoon*, which tells the story of an American tourist and a girl from a mysterious village which appears only once every hundred years.

'Brigadoon' opens Friday

Joliet Junior College opens the musical *Brigadoon* February 28 for two weekends. With musical direction by faculty member Sue Malmberg, choreography by Plainfield resident David Lucifora, and direction by Dr. Rosalind B. Stone, also of the Fine Arts Department, the musical will be presented at 8 p.m. Feb. 28, March 1, and March 6-8. There will be a matinee performance at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 2.

Brigadoon is by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederic Loewe, whose other musicals include *My Fair Lady* and *Paint Your Wagon*. Central to the musical is the love story between a modern New York man and a girl from the village of Brigadoon, which only appears once every hundred years.

Major roles are filled with Joliet residents: Eleni Andriadiadis (Meg), Eugene Gaskin, Jr. (Archib), Sunny Lettelle (Fiona), Kevin Milligan II (Charlie), Jennifer Ludden (Jane), and Randy Woltz (Mr. MacLaren).

Other major roles include Zachary Bloomfield of Crest Hill as Mr. Lundie, Justin Marchetti of New Lenox as Harry, and Don McKinney of

Peotone plays Tommy; Michele Rogan of Plainfield is Maggie and also serves as Dance Captain; Carolyn Spiker of Braidwood is Jeannie, and Brian Stanley of Shorewood plays Jeff.

The chorus includes the following people from Joliet: Marilee Craig, Tamika Redd,

Martisol Rodriguez, and Carol W. Spolnik. Keri Speck from Minooka, Mark Koppelhofer from Seneca, Daniel Maberry from Crest Hill, and Daniel Kantor from Bolingbrook are also in the chorus.

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Bard's Guild members Chris Crnkovic, Dave Struyce, and Eric Moniger man the club's colorful booth at Main Street.

Bard's Guild attracts free spirit

By Suzi Moritti

"Critique ideas, not people" and "Jack of all trades and master of none" are a couple of the mottoes that the Bard's Guild tries to go by.

What exactly do they do? They meet and discuss topics that relate to them. Some of the topics include philosophy, government, laws, family, and what it's like being a kid.

According to Katie Linder, age 19, a member of the club, they keep things open by dictating their own membership. "We come and go as we please," says Katie. "Some people have to work, so we might not see some of the members for a week or two."

Yet another thing that helps keep their discussions equal and fair is sitting in a circle. "It's the same concept as King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table," explains Katie. "It's so that no one person is above anyone else and everyone

can be heard."

The group also tries to find people to speak to them on different topics. In the past they have had both a Buddhist and a Christian come to their meetings to discuss their religion.

"When we first started, everyone was given five pennies, and when they wanted to change the topic, they would throw one of their pennies into a silver bowl so everyone would know that they wanted to change the topic. That person was then given the floor to talk about what he or she wanted to talk about. However, this didn't work," says Katie. "Now we just change the subject whenever the thought comes."

"Our group tries to give everyone a fair chance to speak and to be fair. Mostly we just try to follow etiquette and not be rude to keep the lines of communication open," adds Linder. The group consists of approximately 20 members. The age group varies from 16 to 25.

The group is just as diverse as their ideas.

The Bard's Guild meets on Thursdays and Fridays from 12 to 4 p.m. They meet on the J section of the bridge.

Graphology takes holistic approach

"The Wheel of Fortune Ways to Health" was the subject of speaker Diane Finch at the Graphology Club meeting on Friday, February 7. Finch took a holistic approach in presenting the 12 sections of her wheel.

Finch is a massage therapist engaging in therapeutic massage and bodywork. Prior to entering the field of massage therapy, she was employed as a medical technologist for 18 years; she has a biology degree

JJC will be hosting English Conference

Dr. Leonard Rosen of Harvard University gave the keynote address at the third annual conference for Will County English teachers hosted by JJC on campus Friday. Lewis University and College of St. Francis co-host the event.

Dr. Rosen's tentative topic will concern motivating students and writing in the diverse classroom, according to Ted Thompson of the JJC English faculty, co-ordinator for the event. William Yarrow of the JJC faculty is actively assisting on the committee for the conference, which consists of members from the three sponsoring institutions.

Dr. Rosen is co-author of a text familiar to all JJC English students, the *Allyn and Bacon Handbook*. He teaches in the Harvard Expository Writing Program, is currently a research associate in the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and is the 1995-96 recipient of the Bok Center Award for excellence in teaching. He is also an essayist for "Morning Edition" on National Public Radio.

Presentations by area educators will be given following Dr. Rosen's address, which begins at 8:30. William Yarrow will be one of these presenters, speaking on "Literary Interpretations: The Limits of Diversity." The conference ends at 1:30.

March Brown Bags

Brown Bag lectures coming up in March will be presented by Dr. Roya Falah-Kharaghani and Barbara Scheidt.

Falah-Kharaghani will discuss "Health and Gender" on March 6 at 12 noon, and Scheidt, from the Will County Humane Society, will discuss "Pet Care and Cruelty Investigation" on March 18 at noon. The series meets in J0006.

Intuition is club's topic

How to combine your healing resources and have medical intuition was the topic when the Parapsychology Club met on Friday, February 21.

Ruth Berger shared such concepts as how to become a partner with your doctor, get educated about your health concerns, keep your power, discover how past lives can affect you, how to reduce your fears regarding illness, how to listen to your body, what our patterns are trying to tell us, and skills to increase intuitiveness so you can begin a more effective attainment with higher levels of consciousness.

Berger is an intuitive consultant, author and radio and TV personality.

ACF holds chili contest

A second annual chili cook-off was held by the ACF Louis Joliet Junior Chapter in the Cafeteria on February 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prizes were awarded in each category, pro class and open class, for best chili and hottest to tongue (spicy). First and second prizes were given.

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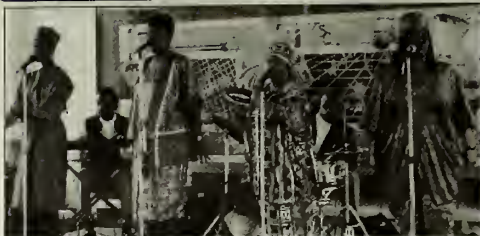
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"The Gospel Supremes" performed on the Bridge February 13 as part of Black History Month.

Vendor sales to benefit fund

The JJC celebration of Black History Month continues today with vendors on the Concourse of C and G Buildings offering a diverse selection of items and services. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the college's Charles Kennedy Scholarship Fund for minority students.

Also today "waterhouse" will be performing from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Cafeteria. This group will perform Jamaican and Reggae music, followed by a workshop on the origins of the music.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to-

day a soul food buffet will be served in the formal dining room at a cost of \$5.75. The luncheon in the cafeteria for \$4.75 also will offer soul food. On the menu are southern-fried chicken, breaded catfish, BBQ ribs, southern rice, blackeyed peas, assorted greens, sweet potato pie, and hummingbird cake.

Earlier events included a concert by "The Gospel Supremes" on the Bridge on February 13 and a showing of Glory, the highly acclaimed film about African American soldiers in the Civil War, shown by

the JJC History Club on February 11.

African American role models representing a variety of professions in the Joliet and Chicago area chatted with students in an opening event for Black History Month.

Job Fair is March 5

Job Fair '97 will be held on the C, D, and E Buildings Concourse on Wednesday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Representatives from a variety of companies will be present. Interested persons should bring several copies of their resumes with them.



African American professionals from the area visited with students.

'A feast for the eyes'

By Sarah McNabb

It's the stuff that dreams are made of, illusions of the mind and a feast for the eyes...bon appetit!

From February 3 through March 7 (Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.) the Laura A. Sprague Art Gallery on the second floor of the J-building at JJC will be featuring the watercolor artworks of Lois R. Gruberger and Salvatore Ventura.

As an aspiring artist, I took the liberty of venturing forth to the art gallery and seeing for myself what wonders did await. I wasn't disappointed in the least. Watercolor is a medium that requires great skill, steadiness and, above all, patience, to manipulate. The two artists at hand demonstrated a rare ability to tame this art.

In such pieces as *Cul de Lamp #1, #2, #3*, and in *Barner #4*, by Ventura, a definite grace of control and consistency can be sensed and seen, and all this as well in *Threshold #9*. His exquisite statements without words show Ventura's passion for structural ornamentation and soft, flowing colors. Ventura's series of a seemingly architectural story are beautiful, as well as peaceful. With a large respect for shadows, Ventura uses "chiaroscuro," realistic shading to make his objects appear very much 3-D, giving his architectural glimpses a classy, almost-Renaissance feel.

Lois Gruberger, the other watercolorist, approaches her paintings with a series-like form, too. Her geometrically-centered pieces display a brilliant handling of color and an obvious schematic plan of movement. Gruberger went for the horizontal layout of each piece and titled each with an interesting reference to color. Her color scheme, as in *Undersea* and *Windup Toy*, complements the conceived idea at hand. A definite mood went into each piece. Her style seems focused on "a scene without the reality"...abstract, with varied tensions.

Both Ventura's and Gruberger's watercolor displays show considerable time, effort, skill, and—as most people lack—patience. Their two different styles and imaginations using

the oft difficult medium of watercolor were worthy of being displayed together and in the art gallery here at JJC. So, if you are into art, or if you enjoy browsing and looking, stop in at the Laura A. Sprague art gallery on the second floor of J Building, take a break between classes or after school and take a visual trip through the eyes of two artists whose work I'm sure you will enjoy and appreciate.

Ag teams win big in nationals

The JJC Livestock Judging Team achieved national recognition at its last three competitions.

At the World Beef Exposition in Madison, JJC captured the high-team overall award. Teams from 12 states competed on the collegiate level of this contest. The JJC team members were all freshmen and included Deanna Bloom, Patrick Padgett, William VanWassenhoven, AJ Metzger and Chad Lanum.

At the Hoosier Beef Congress in Indianapolis, JJC won again. This contest was not a team competition but rather a contest in which individuals competed for awards. JJC freshman Josh Krohn took high individual honors, and sophomore Andy Mench took a close second.

The most recent contest, the Arizona National in Phoenix, was held January 4. JJC won the fourth high-team overall award, with 27 colleges from across the country competing. This team was comprised of Deanna Bloom, Katie Hummel, Chad Lanum, Patrick Padgett, Eric Beeman and Andy Zeller.

Math hosts schools

JJC and the Mathematics Department hosted contestants from nineteen area high schools at the annual Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics regional mathematics contest held on campus February 22.

Contests were held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., with an awards ceremony culminating the day.

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Student Center is approved for JJC



The steps of D-Mall, long a favorite spot for students to meet and socialize between classes, will be replaced by the new Student Center.

By Roy Herman

A student center has been approved for JJC and the first steps have been taken toward starting construction some time in 1997.

The center will consist of 2,800 square feet built where the step area of D Mall is now located, extending into the open area beyond. According to the architect's preliminary drawing, the area will include space for a student study area, for student activities, a stage, a food service area, and a lobby on the first level. An overlook area will include a general work area, offices for secretaries and custodians, a counselor's office, and the office of the Holistic Wellness program as well as a student activity office which will operate all the school's clubs and other student activities.

The Board of Trustees has already approved a \$338,000 funding to start construction. Final cost of the center is some-

thing "We are not sure according to Steve Dinger, director of Community Relations. Dingers said that was left over from the building project, and the hope to have it reallocated on the center. The center also in the process of being approved by the Illinois Community College Board. He said as long as the space construction is preexisting, it is, there should be no trouble.

The college has been criticized by the North Central Association, which accused colleges for not having a union. Dingers said it argued that the same argument that take place in a student center, such as studying or eating, already take place on campus on the bridge, in the cafeteria. However, pointed out, the benefit center will be that it will have one designated lounge area for student activity.

'Starflight' shows tomorrow

"Starflight will be shown tomorrow evening at the Herbert Trackman Planetarium at 6:30 p.m. The program is a journey across the immense voids of both time and space to explore the magical wonders of the universe.

Other programs shown in February included "Just Imagine," a family program that took viewers beyond the solar system to see the Sun as a different star and witness the last days of the universe; "Wonders of the Night," which

used constellations to explore with speculation about other worlds and intelligent beings; and "Destination Universe," which took Planetarium visitors on a journey of imagination from Earth-orbiting space stations to planetary engineering projects 10,000 years in the future.

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Moshing--

isn't high for moshers. "I feel it is a way we let our emotions and feelings out all at once, and it feels like you're free from society," Tibbs said. This pain-inflicting emotion-releaser seems to work for some people. "I personally feel so much better after a concert because I get my worries and aggressions off my chest," Cottle said. Most spectators, regardless of hearing the accounts in moshing's favor, still agree moshing is a bunch of punks picking fights.

Since moshing is primarily a male activity, a lot can be said about it in regard to its characteristics. Moshing looks like a form of legal assault to spectators, but it has properties of male bonding. In addition, Alan Dundes, anthropology professor at the University of California, Berkeley, stated that "it's a result of not being in a war; it's a way of proving you're macho." He compared moshing to games which involve risk, such as football, huggies jumping and mountain climbing. He also pointed out how mosh circles usually move counter clockwise. "It symbolizes holding back the clock, or going against the norm," Dundes said.

It's apparent that while this activity gains popularity and support, it also incurs injuries and fatalities. In 1992, 500 injuries subject to medical attention were reported due to mosh-related activities. That number increased to nearly 8,000 by 1994.

Some critics say that musicians encourage this high-energy behavior. Musicians, acting as catalysts, seem to pump up the audience in hopes of positive responses. However, the audience does not have to show its support by moshing. Today, because moshing has become so widespread, it is almost a given at a rock concert. Kids will tear down bolted seats to form a pit.

The key to avoiding this no-holds-barred bull fight is to stay clear of the pit, unless you participate, of course. Concertgoing is fun and shouldn't be avoided altogether, but moshing is just a part of concerts now. "People who aren't in the pit don't get hurt, so if you're in there and you get hurt, it's your own fault," Cottle stated. Moshing in and of itself is not all bad; it's the people who don't realize its danger and ignore the possibility of injury that make it seem this way. With a little bit of compromise, the entertainment industry could encourage higher safety in the pit.

Moshing will be remembered as one of the trademark activities to come out of this generation. It is seen by some as a healthy adrenaline rush and by others as simply "the pits." Marilyn, of Marilyn Manson, came up with some safety tips for the pit and in closing said, "We like to see our fans have fun, but we don't like to see them get hurt."

Falahi wins award

Dr. Roya Falahi-Karaghani, Social and Behavioral Sciences, has been chosen as a member of the Illinois State Board of Education's Sex Equity Advisory Committee. The purpose of the nine-member panel is to consult with the Illinois State Board of Education on all aspects of the Federal Vocational Education Sex Equity program.



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Task force will look at sports

As part of the on-going decision in regard to continuing football at JJC, President Thomas Gamble has appointed a task force to review all JJC athletic programs.

The nine-member task force, composed of students, trustees, instructors, and administrators, will submit its recommendations by July 1.

The task force is being asked to evaluate the following areas:

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From the desk of the Editor

By Stephen Hicks

The *Blazer* tries to have the JJC Police Blotter in every issue. Our last two issues have not contained the blotter and time did not allow me to put it into this issue either. I received the activities report too late to put the blotter in its normal spot in the paper, so I incorporated it here in my editorial. Only this time, unlike previous issues, I will name the perpetrators that were involved. But take note, this is only a partially accurate account of what happened. The people or peoples named in this editorial are fictitious characters and any relationship to any living human being is completely coincidental.

- Theft under \$300: A student reported a theft of \$50 U.S. Currency from her purse while attending class.

(That was the story Kelly told the police after giving the fifty bucks to her teacher for a B.)

- Trash Fire: The officers extinguished a garbage can fire in a building with the assistance of the Physical Plant staff. (A joint was later found smoldering and allegedly was put there by a staff member in the plant that called the police.)

- Vehicle Tow: A vehicle that was parked blocking the Metra bus was towed. The owner was unable to be located. (President of JJC, Gubert Rumble, was seen in the parking lot seconds later chasing the tow truck.)

- Burglary to Motor Vehicle: A vehicle parked in Lot 3 was broken into and a stereo system was removed without consent. (NOTE: The stereo system never gave permission to be removed from the vehicle.)

And finally,

- Disorderly Conduct: The officer responded to a gang-related disturbance in the E-Mail area. One non-student was removed from the campus with a criminal trespass warning. The incident was a follow-up to a weekend problem at a basketball game. (The Joliet and New Lenox men's and women's wheelchair basketball teams were asked never to return to the halls of JJC.)

Hopefully next issue we will have the complete and accurate accounts of what police activity has happened on campus. Have a nice spring break.

Filling a void or A-voiding?

By Cynthia Chubb

In any large institution there's a tendency to use politics, tradition and good old status quo as excuses for not finding ways to work together, share funds for maximum benefit and develop innovative programs. From a new novice viewpoint, it would appear that communication, coordination and planning at JJC might benefit enormously from having rotating representatives from various disciplines locked in a small stuffy room for extended periods of time. A firm administrative hand could hold the key. Perhaps for starters toss in Advertising, (ADV); Computers, (CIS); English, (ENG); Graphic Design, (ART); Marketing, (MTG); Broadcasting, (SPCH); and Journalism, (JOUR).

Suggested Ground Rules for Confinement:

No sharp objects (Only short dull pencils)

Must be seated face to face (Deodorant and Certs would be available)

Must communicate (After proper introductions).

Must come up with coordinated programs in which overlapping interests are not only recognized but reinforced through novel approaches like choosing complementary text-

books, team-teaching together or in cycles and even...hold on to your hats...fund-sharing.

Penalties for Failure:

Loss of funding for total 'Failure to Communicate' (Money always talks!)

Offices moved out onto the Bridge (Waterwings for true unbelievers)

"O.K.," you may say, "get to the point." This time that point is journalism—"The collection and editing of material of current interest for presentation through news media," according to Webster. Does this field take in elements of all the previously mentioned disciplines? Yes! ("Tis true that Communications SHOULD be included if it covered video animation and the designing of WEB pages, it's just lacking in general, but that's meat for another editorial.) Could the field of journalism be expanded into a valuable career program with an associate degree? The pieces are just waiting for assembly.

College of Saint Francis has the audacity to place Advertising, (JN 175); Concepts of Communication, (JN 101); Principles of Marketing, (JN 175); Radio Broadcasting, (JN 235); Advertising Photography, (JN 422); Graphic Communication, (JN 175) and Advanced Graph-

ics, (JN 351) all under Journalism, (JN). They even offer Graphic Design Internships, Broadcasting Internships, Public Relations Internships and, of particular interest to the *Blazer*, News/Edit internships for 3-15 credits each.

They go on to brag about their facilities. "The print area is supported by Macintosh and AMIGA computers." The May/June '96 issue of *Consumer's Digest* states, "...since Apple Computer's Macintosh has always had a 'graphical user interface' (GUI) it excels at desktop publishing and digital audio and video work. 'Windows 95' and 'Windows NT' may claim to be the successor to the Macintosh GUI crown, but they fall short in many ways, which is why Mac remains the preeminent platform for publishing and artistic use throughout the world." JJC would have to give CSF their dues if they have sufficient Macs that are appropriate for classes like Page-Maker, QuarkXPress, Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop. The Mac Lab(s) and Multi-Media Center/TV Studio could serve as hubs of inter-disciplinary programs, internships and fund sharing. We do have a start and the movement seems to be in a very positive direction, but we need to get jumping all over our pent-up potential!

Our rich cousin, the College of DuPage, has been tooting its titanium trumpet over a 'A Weekend Studies Program,' so working adults can be full-time students. They say, "Courses are interdisciplinary...interrelate nothing is isolated...some classes are team-taught generating a unique exchange of viewpoints and lively discussion."

It makes you wonder what THEIR ground rules are????

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How long do teen marriages last?

By Kim Dennis

A storybook wedding, a picture-perfect house, well-behaved children, and a love that will last forever are often the dream of teenage lovers. Unfortunately the reality is different. Lack of financial stability and emotional immaturity often lead to divorce in teenage marriages.

Financial problems are a cause of divorces in any marriage, but in a teenage marriage they are a constant source of conflict and worry. How does a married couple pay the rent, put food on the table, and provide for any children they may have on minimum wages? It is not impossible. Good-paying jobs for someone with just a high school diploma are very hard to find, and for someone without a diploma this is even more difficult.

If one of the persons in a teenage marriage does choose to continue his or her education in order to find a better-paying job, the added expense of paying for the education may actually increase the couple's financial problems. I speak from past experience. I was married at age sixteen and the marriage lasted



**Two views:
one male,
one female--
both
pessimistic**

four years. Since money was always tight, we bought only the bare necessities. We ate a lot of hamburger because it was so cheap, and a lot of times I wore shoes with holes in them for months because we couldn't afford to buy new ones. The rule of thumb is there are always more bills than money for most married teenage couples.

Most teenagers just are not emotionally ready for the responsibilities of marriage. A good marriage is a lot of hard work. Both partners need to be able to communicate with each other, especially during disagreements. A couple has to be able to sit down and talk about their differences without being verbally abusive to the other person. A marriage partner also needs to listen to what his or her spouse is saying and to remember that the other person may be right. I personally do not know

of any teenagers who are good at communicating problems, good at listening to what someone else has to say, good at admitting they actually may be wrong. I know that one of the biggest problems in my teenage marriage with my ex-husband was that we both had unrealistic expectations of each other, and when he or I didn't live up to those expectations, we would get in an argument about it. Neither my ex-husband nor I fought fair in these arguments. We often said things to each other that were demeaning and verbally abusive. All that the negative comments did was to make us hate each other.

A few teenage marriages do succeed because a couple is emotionally mature enough to handle life's ups and downs, but I believe that most teenage marriages are doomed to end in divorce.

By Roy Crompton

I am very happy both of my chances to marry fell through. I have seen my friends' marriages fall apart for one reason or another. Teenage marriages fail because teenagers are emotionally immature, financially weak, and lack family support. If one of them has any of these problems, succeeding in the marriage will be as difficult as flossing an alligator with three inches of floss.

The number-one reason for divorce in any marriage in the U.S. is financial instability. Teenagers (unless they are geniuses) do not have a college education. As I hope you know, a partial education may well be a dead sentence in the trial of life. Death by poverty.

The reason for the lack of income stems from the astounding ability to find low-paying jobs because of partial education. A marriage today is fueled by money. Love is the match; the marriage is the grill, and the money is the charcoal. This may not be a very romantic metaphor, but think about it. Without one of the three, you're just not cooking. What red-blooded American doesn't like the smell of a huge pile of Kingsford blazing away in the back yard? A steak is sometimes cooking, or in other words, a baby just complicates the whole ordeal.

Just dealing with a teenage pregnancy can be enough to end a relationship. If both parti-

ners can persevere, they get married, have a baby, and then wish they could afford a gun to kill themselves. Babies are very expensive and create enough stress to rip a Krazy-Glued helmet right off an I-beam. This is quite a sight to see unless friends are involved. All this stress takes its magnified toll because teenagers are not adult about their emotions and can't afford a psychiatrist to tell them this. My grandmother once told me, "Everybody is a little crazy until they have a kid; then they're down-right nuts."

One thing I believe no one can argue about is the fact teenagers just don't have experience enough to know what love is. Lust is natural, and naturally confused with love, especially in teenagers' views of relationships. The relationship keeps getting deeper until it just has to love.

It feels so perfect to be in "love," so why listen to naysayers? Buddies just want her for themselves; girlfriends just want him for themselves, after all, he or she is the perfect partner. But when family doesn't support one person in the relationship, it gets personal.

When a family realizes the odds of a teenage marriage failing, the realization is usually voiced in the beginning of the engagement as discreetly as a noon shadow. If there is no response, the volume gets turned up to the discretion level of nig-

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Letters to the Editor

Build a bridge from T to J

Dear Editor,

As students face the everyday problem of traveling from building to building, an additional bridge would be a great asset to all. Adding this bridge from the new T building to the J building would shelter everyone from unfavorable weather conditions, cut down on the travel time, lower the amount of tardiness, and eliminate crowded hallways.

An additional enclosed bridge would help protect students and staff from unfavorable weather conditions during both summer and winter months. The way the buildings are positioned now, everyone has to walk in the blistering heat or in the icy cold that these seasons can bring. Similar to the existing bridge that connects the T building to the J building, this new bridge would shelter everyone from these conditions.

Travel time from class to class can be quite dreadful. Connecting the buildings would allow students to save time coming and going to classes. Students traveling from these building now quite often find themselves walking into class late. These disruptions occur within the first ten minutes of class. If JCC's administration added a pathway to connect the existing buildings, this would cut down on class disruptions. Classes would be able to start on time, allowing students to receive the full amount of the time

they are entitled to without any interruptions.

Connecting the buildings would reduce the large numbers of students and faculty trying to make their way to class in the different parts of each building. The hallways are packed with frustrated people trying to make it to class at a reasonable time.

JCC's administration should consider the addition of a bridge connecting the new T building to the J building. This bridge would allow everyone shelter from severe weather conditions, do away with interruptions from tardiness, and eliminate crowded hallways.

Laura Lee Tarda

Dear Editor:

I would just like to thank Mrs. Soenen, Betha, Steve and the entire *Blazer* staff for giving me the opportunity to be a part of the paper. I am currently writing spots for the NJU Northern Star and want to tell all the *Blazer* readers how much I enjoyed and learned from my work on the *Blazer* staff.

Writing for the *Blazer* is an experience I will never forget, not only because I enjoyed it so much, but also because I use what I learned from the staff every day. If not for the sponsor, editors, and staff of the *Blazer* I would not have had enough knowledge or experience to secure my job with the Northern Star.

I would just like to thank everyone once again for giving me a very secure stepping stone to bigger and better things. With a beginning like the *Blazer* the future is limitless.

Sincerely,
Mark Gregory
Northern Star
Sports Reporter

Social Sciences offers two talks

Two lectures, one on gender bias in education and the other on demystifying multiple personality disorder, were given on campus recently through the auspices of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

On Monday of this week, Jacqueline Defazio reported on attempts to identify and examine equity problems of women and men in the country's educational institutions. Her emphasis was on why the educational experiences of male and female students remain different and unequal. Policy suggestions pertaining to a gender-balanced curriculum were discussed.

On February 26, Dr. Bennett Braun discussed how to recognize and diagnose multiple-personality disorder. His talk provided an understanding of why some people develop several distinct identities or personalities, debunked some myths about this disorder, and utilized some fascinating slides.

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CD Review-- By Sarah McNabb

With the start of the month of March came a brand new CD by the group *Live*, a hot, 4-member alternative rock group who set fire to the charts with their past album "Throwing Copper"...and they've come back to burn it up once again. Not quite as industrial as *Nine Inch Nails* and every bit as socio-radical as *U2*, *Live's* latest is entitled "Secret

Samadhi," radiating an Indian-esque motif. Displaying a very radio-friendly CD was a goal of the group in an on-air interview with *Live*. The songs in this track are the "Would-go-with-the-burning-incense-in-a-candlelit-room-at-midnight" type (if you can believe that to be an adjective), they're killer melowed, semi-comparable (I think) to *Pink Floyd's* old

stuff. My personal favorite songs on the CD are "Lakini's Juice" (aired on Q101 several times a day), "Unsheathed," and "Turn My Head," but every song is kosher if you ask me. So, if you are ever at the mall or music store, drop in and pick up this new smash album by *Live* entitled "Secret Samadhi" - oh, and don't forget the incense, too!



Edith Tibble, Angela Tadey, and Melissa Draganov recall their experiences at French Immersion Weekend February 21-23 sponsored by Benedictine College.

JJC is your ticket to study abroad

By Erica Gallagher

Students who have dreamed of traveling to a foreign country—your ship has come in! JJC along with nearly forty community colleges in Illinois is a part of the Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs (ICISP). Eleven years ago, ICISP was formed with the goal of giving community college students the chance to afford study abroad.

According to the ICISP brochure, "ICISP is to provide an opportunity for community colleges to include a global perspective in their educational mission." For about the same cost as room, board and tuition at a four-year college, students can enjoy studying in one of a variety of countries. The travel options include England, Austria, Netherlands, Costa Rica and Mexico, which are offered by semesters. Each country provides an intriguing experience including field trips, and some countries are offered especially for specific majors.

Amy Brandolino, student from Lockport, went to Canterbury, England, through JJC's study abroad program and found this opportunity to be an experience of a lifetime. "I always wanted to travel, but it was important to stay in school. Studying in England was reasonable for me because there wasn't a language barrier," said Brandolino. Brandolino said she met a lot of interesting people, and she had the pleasure of living with a wonderful woman, Daphne Fryer. "She cooked me breakfast every morning and helped me pack. I miss her, but we still stay in touch," she said.

Brandolino felt the experience was one no student should pass. She met students from other countries there as well as British students. "The field trips were fun. We went to London and saw The Changing of the Guards. Everything is different in England," Brandolino said.

Other JJC students will be taking advantage of study-abroad opportunities soon. Dawn Horn, nursing major from Joliet, and Shorika Asilio, history and Spanish major from New Lenox, will go to Costa Rica in July and August. Page

Whaley, student worker in the Mathematics Department, will study in Canterbury, England, in the spring of 1998.

Other opportunities concerning international study are offered through JJC French Immersion Weekend, which was Feb. 21-23, allowed French students to gain language and cultural skills. The students went to Lake Geneva for a weekend of games, skits, songs and cultural activities.

Although it seemed like all fun and games, the participants had to pledge to speak only French throughout the weekend. Participants were Edith Tibble, Angela Tadey, Melissa Draganov, and Karla Larsson, student from Sweden.

"I felt confident because we were not graded during the weekend trip," said Tibble. Tadey, who has been to France, feels that there is a higher level of respect between different cultures when communication is not an obstacle. Tibble said, "French Immersion helped determine if I was willing to continue my efforts in this field—it's a good experience for people in international studies."

Dr. Berta Ariza, foreign language teacher, would like to see Immersion Weekend and programs like this continue. She is hopeful that more students will gain interest in learning on a global scale.

Parapsychology to meet Friday

The JJC Parapsychology Club will hear psychologist Anto Lysy discuss the "Dark Night of the Soul" at its meeting Friday at 7 p.m. in D-2001.

The experience described by mystics as "the dark night of the soul" is a form of suffering each of us encounters when spiritual creativity and vision seem clouded; one feels alone and forsaken.

Lysy, who has taught at Parkhurst College and the University of Illinois, will discuss this powerful time in the soul's evolution and the ways individuals can make their way through it with understanding and awareness. He will approach this from both a Jungian psychological and contemporary spiritual way.

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A lifelong learner--

McClenahan gives tutoring time

By Stephen Hicks

On an average, students on campus do not take classes just for the fun of it, but Gene McClenahan is not the average student.

McClenahan volunteers his time in the Academic Skills Center to offer his vast knowledge and first-hand experience on many subjects. He tutors students, young and old, in "anything that is not math or science, what they used to call in my day 'humanities.'" Humanities include everything from English to history. McClenahan has taken almost all of the courses offered by JJC in the area of humanities.

McClenahan, an Iowa native, majored in political science at the University of Iowa. He married a girl from his "little country seat town" and decided to enlist in the Army. Here he joined the war effort by serving in the administration under Admiral Nimitz and a joint staff that commanded the Pacific Fleet during WWII.

After the war, McClenahan went back to school and started raising a family. He soon realized that with a family came expenses and took a job in sales. This started what became a lucrative, 22-year career that eventually catapulted him to a position of national sales manager. During his career, he and his wife raised three children on the north side of Chicago.

He spent the next five years self-employed as a manufacturing agent for the companies he helped build. He then moved to Naperville. Eventually McClenahan and his wife built their current home in Plainfield and now have time to take up new hobbies and enjoy the company and love of one another.

Upon retiring, McClenahan and his wife of 54 years de-



Gene McClenahan, right, helps student Travis Bergstrom.

cided they would not do two things: move to a warm climate, because they love the changing of the seasons, and not join a retirement facility. "We are long-time Chicago Cubs fans, and now is the perfect time to use our season tickets." Not to mention all of his children and grandchildren live in the Chicago land area, and he and his wife wanted to remain close to them.

In 1986 at 64 years young, McClenahan began taking classes at JJC part-time because he likes reading and learning. "There is a big difference between reading and studying, so I came back to study and have enjoyed it tremendously." Receiving top marks in his courses and making fast friends with instructors, he was recommended as a tutor for the ASC. He agreed to take the job and has been there ever since.

Charlene Wagner, the ASC instructor and supervisor, recruited McClenahan for the job. "Gene has a great sense of humor," she said. "He relates to students and makes them feel comfortable, especially older students. The other tutors think of him as their mentor and try to emulate him."

"In 1989, Gene McClenahan enrolled in one of my History of Philosophy classes and subsequently enrolled in my Introduction to Philosophy," said Patrick Asher, chair of the English and Foreign Languages Department. "I remember him well. He was the ideal student, he was always prepared and always ready to examine the assigned work. He epitomized the life-long learner; he loved knowledge, and having earned a degree some forty years earlier at the University of Iowa was simply a stepping stone in his quest. He also gave of himself to others not so gifted. He volunteered his time outside of my classes as a tutor long before his work in the Academic Skills Center. He remains one of my best students, and our college will lose an academic icon when he leaves."

As a requirement to be paid for tutoring in the ASC, a student must take six credit hours at the college. McClenahan no longer takes the required course load and does not receive compensation for his services. He does not mind because he enjoys it. That is a darn good reason.

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College Bowl wins at invitationals

By Dan Lesniak

JJC's College Bowl team defeated Prairie State to win a second-place plaque at an invitational competition held at Moraine Valley Community College during the fall semester.

Team members were Bill Aldridge, Rich Bell, Eric Arima, Elizabeth Palmer, and Susan Machnick. William Yarrow of the English faculty coaches the team and acts as sponsor.

The most recent tournament was the regional tournament held the weekend of February 14-16 at Northwestern University, in which eleven teams competed. JJC's team came in ninth, competing against students from such four-year colleges and universities as the University of Chicago, the University of Wisconsin at Madison, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and Marquette University. JJC defeated Beloit College and the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh.

"I was very proud of the team," said Yarrow. "They were up against upperclassmen and they did well."

Team members competing were Bill Aldridge, captain, Rich

Bell, Eric Arima, Nick Josefik, and Elizabeth Palmer. Also on the team but unable to attend this meet is Lisa Pitelka. "As a team we did o.k.," said Aldridge. "Look who we were against."

The College Bowl, the "varsity sport of the mind," involves answering questions about history, science, literature, art, current events, and geography. The JJC team, created last year, meets weekly.

Coming up for the Bowl contestants this semester is a rematch against Moraine Valley and Prairie State on March 21.

Teen marriage--

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ing bulls chasing screaming idiots through the streets.

As I said before, I am very happy both my chances to marry fell through. I have been able to grow on my own to become my own person, pursue an education in order to make plenty of money, and gain the respect of my family in my opinions and choices. Some day I may feel capable of marriage and spend the rest of my life with the woman I love. But before all that happens, I have to find her.



College Bowl participants confer with their sponsor. Left to right, Rich Bell, Eric Arima, Nick Josefik, Elizabeth Palmer, Sponsor William Yarrow, Lisa Pitelka, and Bill Aldridge.

Pan dulce? Merengue?

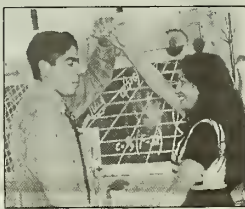
Latinos Unidos translates

By Liz Vivanco

The words *pan dulce* and *merengue* are probably not in everyone's vocabulary, but with the help of the Latinos Unidos, perhaps there will be a greater understanding of the meanings of these Latin phrases.

This year the club hosted a variety of events that served to educate JJC students. For example, they sold posters, or *pan dulce*, at a bake sale to raise funds. They helped with Ho-pun-dai, the one-day festival featuring Marachi Tequila and a dance instructor who showed everyone willing

how to dance the *merengue*. For Sweetest Day, the Latinos Unidos



Al Alvarado and Maria G. Castillo began to dance the merengue.

sponsored a "Marry Your Sweet" display. The ceremony package included a marriage certificate, rings, and a Polaroid picture of the bride and groom for a reasonable price. Also, the club hosted a "Finals Jam: Before You Cram, Let's Jam" dance that featured a variety of music to alleviate the stress of those torturous exams. A dance also was held for Valentine's Day.

"The Latinos Unidos' purpose is to get Latinos involved in numerous events that enhance people's cultural awareness," says Jorge Martinez, current club president and English major. "However, the club does not exclude individuals who are not Hispanic. In fact, we encourage them to join, and this semester there are a few non-Hispanics who regularly attend meetings."

Cristofal Trillo, JJC Spanish and French instructor and club advisor, agrees with Martinez. "The club is meant to promote Hispanic culture and to break the stereotypes people have about Hispanics in general." Even though Trillo was born in Morocco to Spanish parents, he feels he can identify with the club members because they all speak the same language.

"The meetings are held in English, so everyone is invited to attend," says Al Alvarado, vice-president and business ma-

jor. "There is no need to feel uncomfortable about approaching us," he said.

Club members consist of different nationalities, including Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Guatemalans, and Anglos. "People must understand that we are not all the same," says Trillo. He learned about people's misconceptions through an experience he had. "I was with some club members when a lady came up to us and asked us if we were Spanish. When we answered that not all of us were Spanish, she said, 'Well, you speak Spanish.' I asked her if she was English, and she said 'no.' I told her, 'Well, you speak English.'"

Among past events, the club has attended conferences to educate themselves on their roots and also to be aware of recent happenings in regard to the Latino community. The Hispanic Leadership conferences in Chicago are a big event. There are conferences held at Northern Illinois University that unite the different collegiate Hispanic clubs in the state.

An exhibition for the Cinco de Mayo, or Fifth of May, Celebration featuring a display showing the history of these peoples could be very informative for those not already knowledgeable about Mexico. After all, the Macarena isn't the only thing Mexico has brought to the United States.

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A different kind of basketball



Back, left to right: Tony Jannuzzi, Scott Van Dyke, C.J. Sojka, Chris Vitus. Front, left to right: Brian Legan, Steve Markun, Robert Pervan, Michael Towner. Not Pictured: Dickie Barnes.

Pattie Fine--

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After being in the same institution for twenty years and "knowing every crack in the tile," Pattie was in search for a new environment. "I saw the ad in the newspaper and I responded," Pattie said about how she found out about the job at JJC. After numerous interviews the job was offered to her and she accepted.

Even though a move mid-year is difficult, Pattie feels right at home in her new position. "Everyone here has made me feel incredibly welcome. I feel like I belong here already."

When asked how student participation can be encouraged at JJC, Pattie responded, "Dealing with commuter students with

many responsibilities is a struggle. It is a struggle everywhere, but that is the challenge of the job." Pattie says that it takes an aggressive approach to get student involvement. Pattie does not plan to implement any drastic changes to the program until she is comfortable with her new environment. "A good program is in place here, and I want to get settled."

The annual Spring Fling is the next event sponsored by the Student Services and Activities Office and the crosscultural board. It will have an end-of-the-year theme. "I want to get students involved. We will put out our feelers and see where that takes us," says Pattie.

Task Force--

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Who should be responsible for the supervision and management of PE classes?

What should be the organizational and functional relationship between intercollegiate athletics, club sports, intramural sports, and PE classes and the management of athletic facilities? What should be the funding priorities?

An overall evaluation and recommendations relating to all of the JJC athletic locker rooms and facilities.

By Jordan Hannon

Basketball is always a hot item around this time of year, whether it be the NBA, a local high school team, or your very own college team. It is enjoyable for the players, the fans, the cheerleaders, and even the people who cover the games for the news. But what would happen if you took away the cheerleaders, the news coverage, and even most of the fans? Instead, you just have a group of your own buddies playing for what it's meant to be played for—fun. Would it be just as exciting then? The intramural boys basketball players at JJC insist that it is better this way.

Michael Towner, a freshman majoring in physical education, has been playing intramural basketball for six years all together. "We're all friends," Towner said of the group at JJC. "Practices are more fun this way. The regular basketball players' practices are more intense; the players are so serious!"

C.J. Sojka, a junior majoring in pre-dentistry, has been on the intramural basketball team for three years now. "Playing on the regular basketball team is too much commitment." He agrees with Towner about the idea of playing for fun. However, the two do disagree on the amount of respect this team gets. Towner says that they really don't get the respect that they deserve. Sojka, having been on for three years, argues that this team gets more respect than the regular team gets here at JJC. Maybe it's just a matter of opinion.

These nine boys got to-

gether by the efforts of KSKJ Insurance Company. KSKJ is the team's sponsor. In order to belong to this team, you must go to KSKJ and sign papers about permission and such matters. The team does have regular games, and they even have intramurals. They play against other area intramural teams.

"With only nine players on our team, we'll see a lot of playing time, which we probably wouldn't be getting on a regular team," Towner says. As for intramurals, Sojka says, "It costs about \$100-\$150 all together for our team to participate in them." Towner says.

One of the things the boys do that they probably have in common with all basketball teams involves "lucky" procedures before a game. Sojka and Towner both believe in their lucky pre-game performances. Sojka wears his old high school basketball shorts every game. Towner has a more complex performance. First, he puts on his shirt, then his shorts—but the other way around because that would be unlucky. He also wears the same pair of socks every game and says they are always clean. Then, right before the game, he tucks his shirt in, but only at this time, because it might bring bad luck to tuck it in any time earlier. Both Sojka and Towner listen to last-best music before their games to get them hyped up.

Sounds like most players before a game to me! If you want to know more about this basketball team, or if you think you may want to join, just ask one of the players pictured above and they will be glad to help you out.

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JJC SPORTS NOTES

By Betha Cramer

FINAL WORD

The Men's basketball team ended their season on March 1st in the NAC Regional final with a 75-68 loss to the College of DuPage. Their overall record is 12-18 and 6-5 in the conference.

CONGRATULATIONS

As of press time (3-11-97), the Women's team was headed for the National Tournament in Corning, New York, after beating Dakota College (53-52) in the regional final on March 8th. Good Luck.

HONORED

Sophomore Kisha Barefield has been named Player of the Year in the NAC Conference and tournament MVP. Honored for Coach of the Year was JJC's Coach Tim Johnson. Selected to the all-tournament team were Stacie Hall and Kelly Donnelly. Congratulations Kisha, Stacie, Kelly and Coach Johnson.

BATTER UP

Just a reminder for those of you interested in the great American sport of baseball. Home baseball and softball games are played on the main campus on the fields next to parking lot 4. Admission is free.

Pitching and experience will spark 1997 baseball

By Roy Hermon

It's that time of year again.

The sound of the bat hitting the ball, the pitcher's throw popping the catcher's glove, and the sound of Coach King adding his leadership to the team on getting back to the World Series. It should be an exciting year with 12 sophomores returning and Wayne King leading the team for his 11th season as "Da Coach." The assistants will be former JJC standouts Mark Smith, James Behar and Kevin Quinn.

Twelve sophomores return this season with five of those being pitchers who had a lot of work last season. The big strength of the team will be its pitching and the team's experience. Mark Butler, out of Plainfield High School, will be the staff leader, better known as the "ace." Butler, who is a 6'4", 215-pound right-handed sophomore, will be called upon to lead the staff by Coach King.

Other returning leaders on the staff will be sophomore right-hander Shawn Gibbons from Bolingbrook, Tim Waters, right-hander out of Providence, and Mike Diefenkamp, who is a right-hander out of Lincoln Way. Steve Stamm, a right-hander from Joliet Catholic, transfers from Lewis University and figures also to play a big role. Diefenkamp is coming off a knee injury, and if he can't recover, then the team will have to look to others to contribute. One who should contribute right away will be freshman Zach Gibbons, a right-hander from Lincoln Way.

The returning key-position players include Shortstop Justin Coners out of Lockport, Outfielder Cory Dillon from Joliet Catholic, First Baseman Bill Glasscock from Bloomington, Catcher Mark Haglund from Providence, Second Baseman Shane Johnson from Shepard, Catcher John Rundich from Joliet West, and Quarter Back/Duffielder Casey

Veenhof from Macomb. Veenhof is also the QB on the football team.

Coach King says that the team is very coachable and that its experience will pay off. The team trains very hard. Coach King had these remarks about the team, "We have six months to practice, which is more than any other sport except softball. Our team has good character with a good mix of players." King also said that the team's main goals will be getting back to the World Series along with keeping a 30-game victory streak alive. The streak has run for over eight years, and the Coach wants the team to shoot for extending it.

Some questions include who will play third base and what the batting order will be. The third basemen in the mix include newcomers Mick Alessio from Joliet Catholic and Pete Fleming from Muncie. Other things the Coach wants to improve are the hitting and the defense.

The starting nine will be Mark Haglund at catcher, either Bill Glasscock or Kevin Strich at first base, Shane Johnson at second base, Justice Coners at shortstop, Cory Dillon in left field, Casey Veenhof in center field, and Carl Ziech in right field. Do the mound will be Mark Butler, and third base is undecided. Kevin Strich will be the closer and play first when he's pitching.

The coach praises Justin Coners and the rest of the team's players up the middle defensively. The coach also named his team leaders. "The leaders in the infield should be Justin Coners and Shane Johnson; the leaders in the outfield should be Cory Dillon and Casey Veenhof, and the pitching staff leaders should be Mark Butler and Tim Waters."

JJC is ranked nationally in two polls and has been for six years. In the 2 polls, JJC is ranked #2 and #5 respectively.

Softball team to start season with four games in Orlando

By Mike DiMalo

Is there a better place to start a magical season than in Orlando, Florida? That is where the Wolves begin their softball season on March 24-28th. They will play four doubleheaders against Morton JC (Cicero, IL), Valencia JC (Orlando), Erie JC (Pennsylvania), and Henry Ford JC (Michigan).

This is JJC's first year in the new divisional set up. JJC will compete in Division III, which is comprised of non-scholarship junior colleges.

There are six schools in Division III in Illinois, and they are all members of the NAC; JJC, DuPage, Rock Valley, Illi-

nois Valley, Triton, and Harper form the NAC.

Coach Jack Smith fields a very talented squad which hopes to challenge DuPage for the conference and regional titles. The Wolves finished 26-22 overall and 6-4 in the conference last season. They won 14 of their last 16 games and will carry that momentum into this season. Smith says, "I'm very pleased with how hard our players work and am impressed with their abilities."

The team is anchored by three returning stars from last year's squad. Centerfielder Jodi Sievers from Lockport is, perhaps, one of the finest players

in the nation. She was their team All-American last season and enters this season as a first-team Division III All-American. She batted .445 with 5 HR and 58 RBIs last year.

Leftfielder Mandy McKenna and first baseman Dan Fite are also fine players. McKenna batted .309 while Fite averaged .331. It takes more than three players to have a successful season and Coach Smith feels the rest of his team is outstanding.

Right field will be split up between Melissa Brenezewicz from Joliet Catholic and Kelly Dodge from Plainfield. The infield will be Jennifer Noonan and Dawn Swenton at third base, strong-armed Rachel Cantone and slick-fielding Lisa Goodwin at short, Swenton and Cantone at second, and Fite at first.

Catching will be Brenezewicz or Noonan. Lisa Goodwin and Kelly Dodge alternate at the pitching position. Smith thinks they are "great pitchers who will play a large role in our success." Both are transfers from higher schools. Dodge transferred from Lewis University while Goodwin was at Western Illinois a year ago.

Dana Karstensen, Jennifer Dike, and Marissa Delrose will all see action in the outfield. The NAC conference boasts three nationally ranked teams; DuPage is fourth, JJC is seventh, and Rock Valley is sixteenth. That makes for some tough competition!

"Our first goal is to win the conference, as it is every year," says Smith. He goes on to say that "DuPage is the team to beat. We'll have to beat DuPage in the conference and at regional. They'll be in our way."

Smith would also like to see more fan support, especially at home games. "We have an exciting team. We have great pitching, solid defense, and we are going to score a lot of runs. We'll put up some numbers offensively," says Smith.

You won't have to go to Comisky Park to see fireworks. They are right here on campus. This team can hit and hit with the best of them. Home games start at 3:00 p.m. on weekdays and noon on weekends. All dates are doubleheader action, so get ready to have some fun. Copies of the schedule are posted near the Fitness Center and can be picked up at the athletic office, so there are no excuses for not supporting the seventh-ranked Wolves!



Star player Jodi Sievers

Two top players return to tennis

By Betha Cramer

Coach Tim Vanderwall has his top two players back from last year. Sophomores Sean Callaghan (Bolingbrook) and Mike Kelch (Lincoln Way) bring experience and leadership to this year's JJC Men's tennis team. Also returning is Fred Diefman (JCA). Vanderwall commented, "It helps to have good leadership coming back."

Harper College and the College of DuPage look to be this year's teams to beat. These colleges get quality players from the many indoor tennis clubs in their areas. JJC starts practicing indoors at the Fitness Forum in Lockport before moving to the outside courts on campus.

Spring break takes the team to Hilton Head Island, SC. Vanderwall is looking for good competition and some good practice. They will be playing Division III schools while on the island.

Coach Vanderwall added, "The team has good depth. We play 6 singles and 2 doubles." Newcomers to the teams are Freshmen Mark Suste (JCA), Steve Clemens (Joliet Central), Eric Pleva (Romeoville) and Mark Woolwine. Pleva was the #2 singles player at Romeoville High School and a welcome addition to the team.

Home matches are played on the main campus on the courts adjacent to parking lot 4.

Attend JJC Sports Events



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Spring Fling! April 14 through April 17.



Students Stephen Hicks, E.J. Mugnaini, and Nicole Isert chat with Student Activities Director Pattie Fine about the possibilities for student government at JJC.

**'Open Mic' is tomorrow
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Wellness Week starts April 21

The week of April 21 through April 25 has been designated Holistic Wellness Week at JJC.

On Wednesday, April 23, a Wellness Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Main Concourse, Building CG. The fair's many offerings will include blood pressure screenings, massages, iridology demonstrations, stress surveys, tai-chi/ sholin demonstrations, healthy food, information from agencies, hospitals, businesses, and more.

"We hope the fair will provide something for everyone," said Pam Hildebrand, Holistic Wellness coordinator for JJC and sponsor of the Holistic Wellness Club, which is sponsoring the fair.

Every day of the week of April 21 through April 25 seminars will be held focusing on maintaining good health in all

areas including nutritional, occupational, social, emotional, physical, intellectual and environmental. These will be held in J-0006, J-0010, and J-0014 from noon to 1 p.m. Participants may choose one of three different topics each day. Also, everyone who goes to these seminars will get a free, healthy lunch.

The fair and the seminars are open to all students and staff who want to come. If you would like to join the Holistic Wellness Program and receive your own quarterly newsletter, access to the Wellness Resource Library, and encouragement to be holistically well, see Pam at the Holistic Wellness Program booth at the fair.

Daily activities are as follows:
Monday, April 21 - "Stress: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly." J-0006, "Coping with
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Forum looks at SGA

By Stephen Hicks

A student government task force held an open forum on March 25 to assess the opinion of the student body about organizing a student government.

Task force members Nicole Isert and E.J. Mugnaini and Pattie Fine, the director of Student Services and Activities, were on hand to talk to the students. JJC has not had a student government in some years, and Isert and Mugnaini explained the benefits of having a student government. "We want to start a new government that will allow the students to have some place

to go to express their feelings to other students. We want to be able to answer questions like "Where does the \$3 activity fee go?"

Mugnaini explained that "a student government is where students can go for improvements, questions, concerns, and get answers to resolve their issue." A student government would also give students a place to offer helpful ideas for activities and events that they might like to have on campus.

"The student trustee is the voice for the students right now, and she is the only one students

can talk to. She needs some help getting ideas from students," said Mugnaini. Pattie Fine thinks that a student government would be a "visible, accessible entity and a vehicle of progression" for students.

There was not a large turnout of students for the open forum, but task force members stress that this meeting was just a beginning. Stephanie Wetherbe, a student attending the open forum, was asked her opinion on student government, and she stated, "There is a huge gap in communication from students to governments."

Carpanzano coordinates career resources

By Stephen Hicks

If you are having a problem deciding on a career, then JJC has a new door for you to open. Behind that new door is the Office of Career Development Resources and the Coordinator, Christina Carpanzano.

Carpanzano has been with JJC for two years as the Employment and Training Coordinator at the City Center Campus. The Office of Career Development Resources is new this spring semester and Carpanzano was put in charge. Carpanzano has a master's degree from DePaul University in Public Administration and was the evening dean at Robert Morris College.

Career Development Resources will help students to finish vocational programs, find out about career options, and achieve their career goals. If you are uncertain about a career, Carpanzano can help by "focusing on what you're good at,

what you like, and what goal you wish to accomplish." Students can find out what jobs are available in their career field and in which courses to enroll at JJC.

Carpanzano will work closely with the Transfer Center and Orlando Lewis. When the Student Activity Center is opened in 1998, it will have the Career Development Resource Office and the Transfer Center next to each other. "The idea," according to Carpanzano, "will be for me to help students, at the start of college, stay in college, and keep students interested in college and on the right path. When students decide to transfer, Orlando will be right there to guide them on."

"Education is where it's at," says Carpanzano, "and I am here to help." The Office of Career Development at present is located in J-1025. Carpanzano can be reached at 729-9020, extension 2476.



Career Coordinator Christina Carpanzano looks over material with students Susan Mejia and Victor Fraitt.

JJC Chorale to perform Schubert

This year marks the 200th birthday of the Austrian composer Franz Peter Schubert. To celebrate this event, Joliet Junior College Chorale will perform the Schubert Mass in G.

The performances will take place in three locations. The first performance will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at

Our Lady of Angels Convalescent Center located on Wyoming Street directly behind Joliet Catholic Academy. The second concert will take place Sunday, April 27, in Joliet Junior College's Fine Arts Theatre at 3:00 p.m. The final performance will take place on Sunday, May 4, at St. John's

Episcopal Church in Lockport at 3:00 p.m. This church is located at 312 East 11th Street. Other lighter works will also be sung, including a medley from Les Miserables.

The public is welcome to attend any of the three performances. The performances are free of charge.

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From the desk of the Editor

By Stephen Hicks

As you probably have guessed by now, I am a man. I am proud to be a man and I even enjoy being a man. The reason I bring this to your attention is that I made a sexist remark in a previous editorial. When I wrote the article, I was making an attempt at humor. I did not realize that the remark was sexist when I wrote it, but I am not sorry for saying it. Heck, it was funny...if you are a man - but I saw some women laughing, too.

Here we go; do not misunderstand me, I LOVE WOMEN! Women are the best thing that ever happened to men. What I wouldn't do for a good woman. If you are a woman and would like to take me to dinner and movie and pay for it, great, let's go! If the woman wants, I will raise the kids, clean the house, cook the food, and yes, even do the laundry. Do I hear a hiss from the men in the audience? Tough tudies! I would love to stay home and not work, but then again, who wouldn't?

I speak from a generation that requires a two-person income to start a family, own a house, and afford certain luxuries. Both the husband and the wife have to work. Both the husband and the wife have to raise the kids and do the cooking. Yes, both even have to do

the laundry. It is a shared responsibility. It is called the bond of marriage. Unfortunately, this generation does not know how to love, cherish, and respect one another. That is why the divorce rate is at 50 percent.

Now I don't know about everyone else, but I don't appreciate being called a sexist. If anyone should be for equal rights, it should be me because of my handicap. You know what, we all have a handicap. Whether it is one thing or another, sex, race, religion, looks, brains, a physical handicap - we all have an obstacle in our way. What I do appreciate is when people make me aware of bias in my writing. It allows me to change my thinking before I write the words.

My point is that I made a humorous statement using a sexist comment, and it provoked some remarks. I will not retract my statement but I will change it. The line was "The cheerleaders are all habes." What I should have said is "All of the people on the squad cheering for the JJC Wolves sports team are very extravagant-looking and appealing to my tastes as a person of the opposite gender." There, no bias and not very funny. Well, I guess it could be...if you are a man. No laughing, ladies.

14,060 sad testimonials

By Jordan Hannon

Bla, bla, bla...you've heard the lecture before, right? I'll bet if you try, you can still hear the words from your parents' ring in the back of your head, "Don't drink and drive, honey." Sometimes, it goes along with the seatbelt lecture. That lecture usually goes in one ear and out the other. What if they said the number, "14,060"? Would that number get your attention? I'll bet it would if it had a dollar sign in front of it.

Best pay attention to it any way; according to the Bureau of the Census's *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, 14,060 is the number of people who died in alcohol-related car accidents in the year 1990. That's a pretty steep number if you think about it. Think about it this way, there are about

10,000 students at JJC. Now think of everyone you see in a day...dead. And we still have 4,060 to go.

The truth is, this number never meant a thing to me either until a drunk driver almost made me part of that figure. I'm not going to tell the story, because it wouldn't have any effect on people. Besides, you can hear the same type of stories on an HBO special. I used to watch those the same way most people did. I thought, "Too bad for them. How could they be that stupid?" Probably, in the same day, I'd end up riding in a car with someone behind the wheel who was drinking. Like many of you, I thought, "It only happens to the other guy." Or, "It only happens to people who are really drunk." And I was on my merry way.

This may be how a lot of people think. It takes something drastic or even fatal to get people to use their heads. All it takes is for someone to be the designated driver for the night. Is it going to kill you not to drink that night? Yet three out of four JJC students surveyed say that they have been a passenger in a car with an influenced driver. Was that the only carleaving the party or bar that night? Hey, it could happen. But usually, no one believes you. So now you're in trouble, either with the cop or your parents. But that's if you're lucky. You could have to explain your story to a judge or the doctor in the emergency room.

The truth is, for most of us, it will take something drastic to make us wake up. I just hope it's drastic instead of fatal for you people still unwilling to think

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Instead of garbage in, let's have garbage out

By Hillary Witcheck

Joliet Junior College is a respected institution which I am proud to say I attend, but I must admit, when I walk past D Mall I am embarrassed by the litter that is left behind. D Mall used to be a place of refuge and re-

laxation, but it is now carelessly decorated with pop bottles, candy wrappers, and papers. The trash strewn about makes it difficult not only to relax but to find a place to sit. It seems ludicrous that at the college level students are not responsible

enough to pick up after themselves. Most of us are guilty of leaving something behind at one time or another. I can raise my hand to that, but there is entirely too much apathy about keeping our school presentable, and all of us could help.



Mother won't be by to clean this up, folks.

We can all be part of the solution

It is in the best interest of the students to keep JJC orderly because we, the student body, represent the school. The college's reputation as a teaching institution rates highly in education. Education aside, we as students are fortunate to have an outstanding campus. The college is set on more than one hundred acres of woods and fields. Wildlife is abundant. The buildings themselves are spacious and accessible. Just walking through the school shows one that the students' welfare and comfort is a priority. Constantly used by all are the couches, tables, and niches; however, one such convenience given us is sorely neglected—the garbage can. These receptacles are as abundant as any of the other comforts provided. Unfortunately, they aren't used, and our campus resembles a landfill more than a school of higher learning. What does that say about us as the student body? By these actions we tell anyone who visits our school that we are not deserving of what we have. As children, we were taught to clean up our rooms and take care of our things. As adults, we should continue the lessons taught and take care of our school.

The custodians are employed by the school to keep it

in good condition. They are not hired to be the students' personal maids. They should not have to come behind us and pick up our half-eaten cheeseburgers out of the ashtrays, yet I have seen this happen. I see garbage cans surrounded by trash all the time. Would any of us want to pick up such a mess?

We can find a solution to this messy problem. One such solution could be the fining of students caught littering. The campus police routinely patrol the school. If fines were to be handed out to those students caught littering, it might make students think before leaving garbage behind. Signs could be posted as reminders to the students. The easiest and most effective solution rests with us, the students. If we can pick up after ourselves, the problem is solved. No longer would D Mall represent a landfill. No longer would we have to push candy wrappers and chewing gum out of the way so we could sit and write a paper. At the POW WOW last November, I overheard someone comment on what a great school JJC is and how that person was thinking of coming here. JJC is a great school, and by taking care of it, we will show that we think so, too.

Letters to the Editor Apply for aid electronically

Dear Editor:

Current and prospective college students have enough to worry about—applying for federal student aid should be as easy as possible. That's why the U.S. Department of Education introduced *FAFSA Express*, the Department's electronic financial aid application. Anyone with access to a computer with Windows 3.1 or higher and a modem can use *FAFSA Express* to apply for federal student aid.

FAFSA Express can be downloaded free of charge in just minutes from the World Wide Web at www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/express.html. Also, many computer labs, libraries, post-secondary schools, job development centers, and high schools have *FAFSA Express* on their own computers for public use.

On a computer screen, *FAFSA Express* looks similar to the paper *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*. Introductory screens describe the application and list what is

needed to complete the application.

Then, easy-to-answer questions guide the user through the various sections of the application, collecting all the information needed to determine a student's eligibility for federal student aid. If the student wishes to stop before the entire application is completed, he or she can save it to disk at any time and return to it later.

FAFSA Express also double-checks the user's application to be sure the information is accurate. Fewer than 1% of all *FAFSA Express* applications are rejected. *FAFSA Express* automatically checks the data entered and flags possible mistakes. These edits ensure that the most accurate data is given the first time the application is submitted, cutting down on corrections and shortening the time between applying for aid and actually receiving it.

FAFSA Express guards against processing errors too, because the data is input directly by the applicant, not by a processing contractor key-entering what the student has written on the paper form. *FAFSA Express* eliminates the chance that the student's data will be read incorrectly, or entered incorrectly.

Not only is *FAFSA Express* easy, it's fast. As soon as a user is finished, the software automatically transmits the data to the federal processor. Schools the users list on the application will receive results from processed data electronically within

72 hours. Shortly thereafter, the user will receive a *Student Aid Report (SAR)*, summarizing the application data.

U.S. Department of Education

Kind words

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on your "green" issue. The March 19 issue of the *Blazer* is really impressive. The news is worthy. The commentary is insightful, amusing, objective, and detailed where desirable. I feel better for having read this issue because I have been informed, entertained, and stimulated by the articles, features, and editorials. Especially admired the refreshing figurative language of Roy Crompton and the persuasive details by Kim Dennis in their reflective features on the perils of teenage marriage.

Sincerely,
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English Department

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Mystery Picture

Last issue's mystery picture was more of a mystery than the *Blazer* staff intended, due to lack of contrast in the reproduced photograph. That dark blob was the registration desk in the Laura Sprague Art Gallery on the second floor of J-Building.

Contemporary art, dad, Muncie and more



Steve Sherrell teaches fine art as well as graphic design classes.



CD Review

By Sarah McNabb

"Firestate"

Nine since the '30s when the British Invasion resurfaced once again have I heard such a strong accent in one song. Whom do I speak of? The new very alternative, very industrial-electroclash group *Prodigy*, featuring their latest boomer called "Firestate." Mixed in with a faith theme, "Hey, hey, hey" in the background, the very eccentric, four-membered group displays a very high-energy beat that I can bet the ranch will be playing at dance clubs everywhere...look out, Zero Gravity!

To really get the maximum amount of bass out of this thing, find a great stereo system. You won't be able to get the full effect of this adrenaline song without one. The "Firestate" single can be purchased at any nearby music store, i.e. Musicland, Crow's Nest, Wal-Mart (yep, even Wal-Mart has it!). Just look for a tiger-striped background with a picture frame in the center of it displaying an actual old lady in bum clothes holding a bottle that is on fire. It's a statement, folks.

This single is a definite plus if you need to include a high-pulsing hit list to while working out as well, and can be heard playing on Q101 FM. The group: *Prodigy*. The song: "Firestate." The results: Dancin' like a fat out of hell. Ask for it by name; tell 'em Sarah sent ya!

Dr. Ainley reads for feds

Vice-president for Student Affairs Dr. Joelyn Ainley spent the week of March 2 in Washington, D.C., as a reader for the Student Support Services Grant. She was selected as a Department of Education reader for the federal grant program. Grants are submitted for a four-year or five-year period and normally exceed \$1 million each.

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By Cynthia Chubb

Muse momentarily on Muncie, Indiana, Middletown, U.S.A., where sociologists once flocked for a study of the typical small city. Toss in a liberal sprinkling of avant garde display art, Andy Warhol, Ball canning jars and corn, then mix well and voila! The artist Steve Sherrell takes root.

Sherrell, JJC art instructor, remembers that when he was a young boy in the '50s art was still a leisurely activity of the well-educated rich and was centered on the East Coast. Contemporary art was virtually unheard of except in New York...and Muncie.

The five Ball brothers and their lucrative glass canning jars helped industrialize and educate Muncie with the Ball Corporation, the Ball State University, the Ball State University Museum of Art and the Ball Store.

The Ball Store was an upper-middle-class department store, like Sax Fifth Avenue, where Sherrell's father worked creating window displays. Since the displays were for the Ball family, they couldn't be mundane, so Sherrell's dad was sent frequently to New York in search of the latest trends in fashion and window design.

A minor art revolution was brewing in New York in the mid-'50s to early '60s. "Pollock and the abstract expressionists looked on art as romantic and were purists," Sherrell said. "Avant garde designers like Andy Warhol, the darling of the fashion industry, discovered that they were artistic, too." Warhol started out as a window trimmer, like Sherrell's dad, and his leadership in pop art strongly influenced

the window displays of top department stores like Bloomingdale's in New York.

Sherrell practically grew up in his dad's window displays surrounded by contemporary art design. The pop paintings his dad did for the Ball store window are still a vivid memory.

Many influences made multi-faceted Steve Sherrell

When Sherrell was 15, his dad became a dealer in fine antiques and art glass like Tiffany and Steuben glass, so once again he was surrounded by color, beauty and art. This background allowed him to become very open-minded to new ideas.

It was during an art class at Ball State University that Sherrell discovered that he was an artist, but it took him a while to figure out what to do with that knowledge. He found his mentor at the Art Institute of Chicago, Sherrell said. "Ray Yoshida was like 'Yoda'—a grumpy mentor, but with incredible sensibilities and a highly visual nature. His capacity to understand whatever he was looking at was unbelievable."

Another great influence was Whitney Lubist. Sherrell said, "He taught me to purify—get to the essence with nothing extraneous included—go precisely to the most beautiful, the most intense and not mix the target. He sharpened my abilities to see good lines, and good colors, and use my instinctive sense for what is a good piece of art."

Sherrell tries to instill

those same sensibilities in his students today. It wasn't until he started teaching that he realized he had an abundance of information to share and was able to develop a rapport with students that sometimes affected the direction they took.

"Many times art people are confused and don't know why they're doing what they're doing, and they need direction on what to do or where to go. I'm always watching my students, and when I see that one of them needs information, that's the point at which I provide the information, and the rapport enables me to do that."

A former student of Sherrell's, Shawn Smith, said, "In my experience there have been few teachers that made a motivational impact on how I think, and what my future plans will be, but Steve Sherrell is one of those teachers. Steve is passionate about what he does and one-on-one he knows his stuff. I value his opinion, and I know that he has a wealth of user experience to share. He's like a walking art world library."

Sherrell, who currently teaches graphic design, says, "It's a new field and getting newer all the time because as computers and programs advance, people are able to do things they never could before. I'm excited about keeping the class up with the cutting edge of graphic applications but would like to see the college look into graphic design more because the potentials of the field are growing rapidly."

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Lupe practices her well-known listening skills at the open house held recently by Financial Aid.

Planetarium to offer 2 more April shows

The Herbert Trackman Planetarium will offer two more star shows in April.

"Solar System Spectacular" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24. This family program is about the formation of our solar system. It takes visitors on a guided tour in an imaginary spaceship.

"The Mars Show" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29. This family program concerns Mars' place in mythology and science fiction as well as its exploration in the

past, present and future. It is narrated by Patrick Stewart.

"Larry, Cat in Space" was shown April 10. The program, written for children five years and up, is about the adventures of a cat that accidentally finds itself shipped to the moon.

"Destination Universe" was shown last night. The program takes Planetarium visitors on a journey of the imagination from Earth-orbiting space stations to planetary engineering projects 10,000 years in the future.

Lupe still likes to listen

By Barb Lavin

In 1966, Lyndon Baines Johnson was president. The Beatles produced the album *Revolver*, the Vietnam War raged in southeast Asia, Mar-Tai-tung began the China Cultural Revolution, and a quiet, gentle-natured woman applied for a job at Joliet Central High School.

That woman was Lupe Ferreira. She walked to the high school to apply for a part-time secretarial position but was offered a job by Dean Elmer Rowley to be a secretary for Joliet Junior College. At that time, JJC was housed at the high school because it did not have permanent facilities of its own. The ten-month position she applied for led to thirty years of service to the college.

Ferreira worked under Dean Rowley for three years at the high school and then was moved to temporary facilities as the college awaited the completion of the new building. She remembers the horrible working conditions. "The roads were not paved, so we all got stuck in the mud several times."

At the time JJC moved to Humboldt Road, Ferreira did not know how to drive; she either walked or took the bus. "I came from a family of ten children. I did not have to learn how to drive because my brother would take me wherever I wanted to go," she explained. When she could not walk to JJC from her home, a kindly psychology pro-

fessor approached her. "Dr. William Chase told me that a woman my age should know how to drive, so he taught me how to drive; I will always be in his debt."

She has worked in many capacities within the administration office, including the Records Department. Ferreira remembers putting grades on all the report cards manually. She worked many Saturdays and Sundays to get the grades out on time. "We didn't have the use of computers back then, so thousands of report cards had to be done by hand."

When Ferreira worked in the Financial Aid office, she felt that was her biggest challenge. It was all new to her and involved learning many new terminologies. She had to learn how to listen to the students. She started out as a secretary and eventually became a supervisor. JJC Business Department secretary Sharon Schroeder remembers being a student worker for Ferreira in 1980, along with her twin sister, Sandy. Sharon worked in Records and Sandy worked in the Financial Aid department.

"Lupe taught us very well, especially in work ethics. She told us that student workers are valuable and important, but that school must always come first," Schroeder remembers. Ferreira as being a very calming person. "She could calm down the most irate students. She helped us out

in every situation."

Ferreira has worked the past seven years for Keith Tillman, coordinator of faculty enrollment in the Admissions Office. She has enjoyed the contact with the students, helping and listening to them. She said that many students come into her office crying, and she feels that she has helped by listening to their problems. She explained, "I have always been a people person. I wouldn't be happy snoped up in an office without contact with the students. I'm always happy when students come back to let me know how they are doing."

"JJC has offered me so much the chance to go back to school, the opportunity to work for so many wonderful people and the ability to help so many. But I would like people to know about the Veteran's Memorial on the bridge because it holds a special meaning for me. It displays the name of my brother, Henry Lupe, who was killed during the Vietnam War. It gives me a chance to say 'Hi' to my brother," Ferreira explained.

It is difficult to find someone who has remained at the same job for 30 or more years and who has actually enjoyed it. When people ask her about her retirement, her answer is, "I'll retire some day. Right now I don't see myself sitting at home. I believe I'm here for a reason and that is to help and to listen to those who need it."

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- **Trash Fire:** The officers extinguished a garbage can fire in a building with the assistance of the Physical Plant.
- **Burglary to Motor Vehicle:** A student reported that his vehicle was broken into and he was threatened by an offender.

A JJC CRIME ALERT POSTER WAS DEVELOPED AND DISTRIBUTED.

• **Burglary to Motor Vehicle:** A vehicle parked in Lot #3 was broken into and a stereo system was removed.

• **Disorderly Conduct:** The officers responded to a gang-related disturbance in the E-Mall area. One non-student was removed from the campus with a criminal trespass warning. The incident was a follow-up to a weekend problem at a basketball game.

• **Burglary to Motor Vehicle:** A vehicle parked in Lot #4 was broken into and a stereo was removed.

• **Criminal Damage to Property:** Vandalism that included racial slurs was investigated and the persons involved removed immediately.

• **Burglary to Motor Vehicle:** A vehicle parked in T-lot was broken into and a stereo system was removed.

• **Burglary to Motor Vehicle:** A vehicle parked in Lot #3 was broken into and a stereo was removed.

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• **Domestic Disturbance:** The officer on duty at the North Campus responded to a disturbance complaint.

• **Burglary to Motor Vehicle:** A vehicle parked in Lot #3 was broken into and the stereo was removed.

• **Burglary to Motor Vehicle:** A vehicle parked in T-Lot was broken into and a stereo was removed.

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Madrigals to give fifth "Music... and a Taste"

The JJC Chamber Singers (madrigals) will present the fifth annual "Music... and a Taste" on Saturday, April 26, at 7 p.m. in the main campus dining hall. The cost is \$7 with proceeds going to the Music Scholarship Fund.

The concert, as in the past, will be divided into three sections. The first section will fea-

ture music of well-known composers. It will include the Madrigals' "El Grillo" by Josquin des Prez and "April is in My Mistress' Face" by Thomas Morley. "Silhouettes" by the gifted, but not often published composer Claudio Cascardini, will also be performed along with Harry Rowe Shelley's "The King of Love My Shepherd Is." Various

solos are included in this first section.

An audience is next with the addition being able to sample culinary desserts prepared by the Culinary Arts Department. Music will be performed by the JJC Jazz Combo under the direction of Jerry E. Lewis.

The final section of the concert will consist of modern music: pop and vocal jazz. The singers will perform "Ain't She Sweet" arranged by Joliet composer Walter Rodby, and selections from the musical *Oklahoma* by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. The group's women will be featured singing "Ma, He's Making Eyes at Me" by Con Conrad. Kirby Shaw's vocal jazz arrangements of "Basin Street Blues" and the humorous song "Save the Bones for Henry Jones" will also be performed. A Kirby Shaw arrangement of the 1971 pop hit by Ocean "Put Your Hand in the Hand" will conclude the program. The section also features various soloists.

Reservations may be made by contacting the Fine Arts secretary at extension 2223. The reservation deadline is Wednesday, April 23.

JJC will host accounting meet

The Business Department will host its fourth annual accounting contest on the JJC campus Monday, April 28, in the T-Building Conference Center.

Approximately 150 high school students from around the district will be participating. Scholarships will be awarded to the top students in each level of the contest, says Anthony Uremovic, department chair.

JJC's Judo club wins seven more trophies

JJC's Judo Club grabbed seven of 12 available trophies at a tournament hosted by Loras College at Dubuque, Iowa, on March 15. The seven awards included two first places, two second places, and three third places.

In the Novice Division, white through green belt, Jeff

Johnson (green belt) won first; Tim Archer (green belt) won second; and Jason Winkler, white belt, won third. In the Intermediate Division, brown belts, Takumi Nosaka won third place. In the all (open) ranks division, white through black belts, Ron Egrizio, green belt, won first place; Takumi Nosaka, brown belt, won second place, and Steve Johnson, brown belt, won third place.

JJC had no entry in the advanced (black belt) division. Greg Tilos is sponsor of the campus club.

Support group is formed

By Elvin Holloway

"To offer friendship and support to members of the gay, lesbian and bisexual community on campus; to provide education and information on gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues to all members of the JJC community."

This is the mission statement of Expressions, the only support group of its kind in the area. The club's new president, Elvin Holloway, says, "We hope to help our community to better understand us and our lifestyle, while helping people cope with it." Expressions' next meeting will be April 9 from 5-7 p.m. For more information call Fred Bettarelli at 729-9020, ext. 2427.

'Gotta Dance' at Willowbrook

The "Gotta Dance" dance club of JJC will attend Willowbrook hall room in Willow Springs on April 13. The trip to dance to live music by one of the area's big bands performing at the historic hall room will substitute for the group's regular monthly meeting.

On March 21 the club received instruction in the samba from Shelley Gale, a competition dancer, coach and judge and a studio owner and professional teacher for 23 years.

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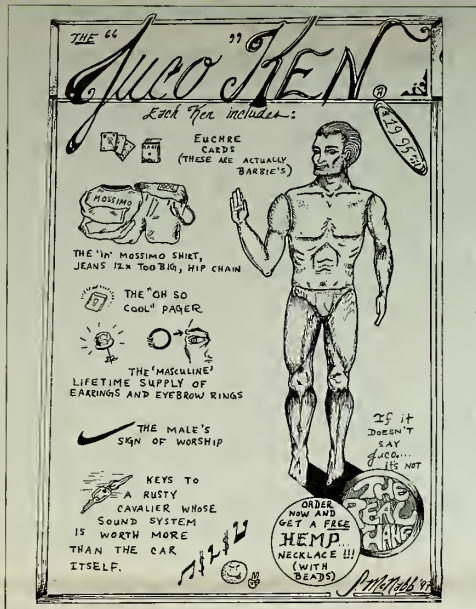
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Steve Sherrell-- (Continued from Page 4)

"The traditional disciplinary boundaries between the printer's trade, broadcaster's trade, artist's trade, advertiser's trade and marketing are blurring, and the graphic designer has to have more generalized information. Having graphic design in the Fine Arts Department is a healthy thing because it's the place where all disciplines can come together."

Sherrell also teaches life drawing. "It is more of a traditional classical art discipline that's old tech--knowing how to see things in 3D and translate them into 2D on paper. It centers on the development of the artist's mind, which is the ability to bring information in and make artwork out of it. I've been teaching it seven years, and I love it because it is so very artistic."

Graphic design is the "techy cultural" side of me, and life drawing is the truly artistic side. I'm a macroeconomic guy, I'm interested in everything, and I love those two sides equally," Sherrell added.

A cohort of Sherrell's, Nancy Stewart, said, "Steve is so easygoing but a very competent artist, who is easy for anyone to talk to, but is especially good with students."

Sherrell said, "I'm very happy where I'm at right now--next to one of the top art cities

in the U.S., close enough to nature to be able to go fishing and snacking in the middle of the Midwest, so I can watch the corn grow. But, he added with an enormous grin, "a one-man show at the Museum of Modern Art wouldn't be bad."

Sherrell's personal art style is contemporary, which means that he's looking for original things that don't reiterate what's been done in the past. "I'm interested in abstract fantasy art and metaphysical art as well because it can involve references to very old things like Chinese art. Other artists say that my work is narrative. Kandinsky, DeChirico and Klee have had big influences in my art style."

However, nothing can compare to dad's influence. In 1975, Sherrell's work was cho-

sen out of more than 2,000 entries for competition in the juried Chicago and Vicinity Exhibition at the Art Institute. He had the opportunity to take a father who had given up his own art career to provide for a family by the arm and walk him into a gallery where the first painting he saw on the first wall was his son's.

Lifelong learners to see illusionist

The JJC Lifelong Learning Program is taking a trip to the noun show of illusionist David Copperfield April 20 at the Rosenmont Theatre. The \$43 trip cost includes a ticket to the show and transportation from JJC to the Rosenmont Theatre and back.

The bus will leave JJC at 10:30 a.m. and will return at about 3:30 p.m.

Spring Fling offers open mic and more

Students are eating free hot dogs in the picnic area outside of "D" today as part of Spring Fling sponsored by the Cross Cultural Programming Board with the aid of Student Services.

Before or after the picnic, which is courtesy of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, students could listen to Blind Man's Bluff perform on the Bridge.

Tomorrow's event will be Open Mic on the Bridge from 10-2. "We thought that after three days of entertainment, students might like to do some entertaining themselves," said a spokesman for the Cross Cultural Programming Board. "We are looking forward to this last day of Spring Fling being a lot of fun, and we want everyone with a pulse to be involved."

Sign-up for Open Mic is in H-101. The committee asks

that there be no bands that require electrical equipment and that material be kept clean. Otherwise, anything goes--poetry, music, speech pieces, etc.

Monday's event was Big Guitars from Memphis, performing in the Cafeteria from 11:30 to 1 p.m., and Tuesday the Karaoke Finals took place at noon on the Bridge.

Student show is April 7-May 2

The Fine Arts Department is presenting its 1997 Art Students' Juried Exhibition from April 7 through May 2. Geoffrey Bates, assistant curator of art at the Illinois State Museum/Lockport Gallery, will present a juror's critique on April 16 at 10 a.m. in the gallery. The public is invited.

Wellness Week--

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Chronic Pain," J-0010; and "HIV: The Basics and Beyond," J-0014.

Tuesday, April 22 -- "Hypnosis, Biofeedback, and Guided Imagery," J-0006; "Seven Major Symptoms of Stress," J0010; and "Hospice Care," J-0014.

Wednesday, April 23 -- "Wholeness and Christ," J-0006; "Introduction to Aroma Therapy," J-0010; and "Health, Happiness, and PMS (Positive Mental Spirit)," J-0014.

Thursday, April 24 -- "Preventing Injuries in Fitness Training," J-0016; "Sleep Apnea," J-0010; and "Gourmet: Light and Lively," Demo Kitchen.

Friday, April 25 -- "Approaches to Mind/Body Health and Wellness," J-0006; "Tai Chi/ Shoulin Self Defense and Meditation," J-0010; and "Nutritional Healing," J-0014.

Bard's Guild offers delight

The Bard's Guild will present an evening of music, poetry, and other performances to delight the senses and challenge the mind on Friday, May 2, in the JJC Cafeteria.

Tickets are \$3 in advance, \$4 at the door. Refreshments will be available. Doors open at 6 p.m. Bands include the Droogs, Primeval, Rising Sign, and Desolations Peak.

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JJC SPORTS NOTES

By Betha Cramer

Well, excuse me!

The Joliet Herald News (March 19, 1997) published a one-sided story by sports writer Ron Kremer about the coaching situation at Joliet Junior College. Where did he get his information?

Mike Martin was the basketball coach, but as we all know, coaches come and go every day from high school to the pros. Martin did not recruit most of his players from the area. This year's team had four foreign players and one from out-of-state. There were at least four walk-ons from the area, not recruits, but walk-ons. Last year's team had players from Pennsylvania, Michigan and Switzerland.

Where was Ron Kremer when all the games were going on? How did he know Martin didn't fight with his players? Mostly favorable public ratings? When did he talk to about this? Did he talk to all the players, any students or fans? I don't think so.

Yes, the hoover club and the radio gig were a plus for Martin, but why didn't Kremer ask him for an explanation of his personal indiscretion? Why didn't he hug him like he did Wayne King?

I'm sure Kremer was taught in his college journalism classes to investigate the whole story, have the facts, get both views and keep his personal feelings out of the story. He failed this assignment.

Everyone now assumes I didn't like Coach Martin... wrong. Martin was an okay guy, depending on what mood he was in. I didn't always agree with his coaching, but he was the coach. I attended JJC games and spent time with Coach Martin while working in the Athletic Department. Ron Kremer must spend more time in that department than I, because if there is jealousy in the department ranks, I have failed to see it.

Athletic Director Wayne King was made to sound like the bad ass in this story. Kremer even admits King's hands are tied, but continues to slam him. As for King being appointed as the head football coach, he is very qualified (read Dave Parker's story in the March 19, 1997, Joliet Herald News). And who is jealous now?

Joliet Junior College has an excellent athletic program, outstanding athletes, great coaches, and I'm proud to be a part of it.

Women's basketball team wins first national place

The 1996-97 Joliet Junior College women's basketball team advanced to the national tournament for the first time in school history.

Finishing the season with a 17-17 overall win/loss record, JJC women cagers compiled a 1-2 record at the 1997 National Junior College Athletic Association Division III National Tournament held March 13-15 in Corning, N.Y.

JJC finished sixth at the eight-team nationals. Anoka-Ramsey (Minn.), which won the championship, defeated the Wolves 97-59. In that game, JJC placed four players in double figures: Kisha Barefield with 13 points, Kelly Donnelly, 12, Lisa Kalka, 11, and Stacie Hall, 10.

During a convincing 58-33 second-day triumph over Anne Arundel (Md.) Community College, the 5-foot-4 Barefield, a sophomore point guard from Joliet Township High School, recorded the seventh triple double of her college career. Barefield contributed 19 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists against Anne Arundel.

"Kisha Barefield was simply magnificent against Anne

Arundel. What can I say about Kisha which has not already been said?" said JJC Head Coach Tim Johnson. "She has been fantastic for us for the last two seasons."

Joliet's defense against Anne Arundel was a record-setting performance. The 22 points scored by the Maryland school was the lowest-ever point total tallied by a team in the six years of the Division III national tournament.

Also, the 68 rebounds grabbed by the Wolves was the second most by a team in a single national tournament game. Kalka had 12 rebounds against Anne Arundel, Kelly Donnelly, 10, Jenny Gruhen, eight, and Chris Collins and Kristin Miller seven apiece.

JJC freshman point guard Stacie Hall had a record-setting performance during a 73-63 loss to New York City's Manhattan Community College on March 15. Manhattan, which finished 32-1 overall and was ranked first nationally most of the season, finished fourth at the national, JJC sixth.

Hall, who prepped and starred at Wilmington (Ill.) High

School, made seven 3-pointers in the Manhattan game. That tied her with Anoka-Ramsey's Lisa Kunzman for most 3-pointers made during a Division III National Tournament game.

Also, Hall's 30 points against Manhattan was fourth best for a single game during Division III national tournament play.

The 5-foot-5 Hall, who scored 42 points for the three tournament games, was named to the eight-person 1997 NCAA Division III All-Tournament team. Barefield finished with 43 points in the tournament.

"I'm so proud of the type of season we had this year," said Coach Johnson, named the Region IV Division III Coach of the Year. "The girls were tremendous the entire season."

EET club speaker

Tim Harrington will be the guest speaker at the April 19 EET Club meeting at 11:00 a.m. in room T-1011. He will speak about the military's use of electronics, wide band communications, and his work on the antenna system on the Apache Attack Helicopter.

King and Kalb to head football program

Wayne King has been named head football coach at Joliet Junior College.

He replaces John Rossetti, who took an assistant coach job at Garden City (Kan.) Community College. King also is director of athletics and head baseball coach. "With the recent almost collapse of football at Illinois community colleges and the athletic offerings at Joliet Junior College under review, the best decision for the short term was to add head football coach duties to Athletic Director Wayne King's current responsibilities," said JJC President Dr. Thomas E. Gamble. "Wayne has football coaching experience and talented assistant coaches. I am confident they will do an excellent job in continuing the proud football tradition at Joliet Junior College."

King has coached football for seven years, serving as the Wolves' offensive and defensive line coach, besides serving as defensive coordinator.

"This is a new challenge, something I am extremely looking forward to doing," said King. "I want to make sure that the football program is headed in the right direction."

King will handle the daily operations of football at JJC. Matt Kalb will take care of the offense and Tom Peterson, the defense.

Kalb has been named associate head football coach. His duties include offensive coordi-



Wayne King

nator, special teams coach and equipment manager. Peterson will remain the Wolves' defensive coordinator.

Kalb, a wide receiver at the University of Alabama and the University of Kentucky, has been the wide receivers coach at Valparaiso (Ind.) University the last two years.

"It is a challenge, but also a great experience," Kalb said. "I'm happy to be a part of the Joliet Junior College athletic family."

"Offensively, we will run what we call the triple shoot, a combination triple option and West Coast passing game. Everything, though, will be run out of the I-formation. We can't, however, pass without an adequate athlete at quarterback."

"We are looking for athletic, quarterbacks, individuals who can move back there and make good decisions. The offense really is not that difficult to learn."

Kalb, 26, was recom-

Kalb's strategy

By Roy Herman

mended by the Valpo head coach Tom Horne, former JJC football head coach and athletic director. Horne was responsible for hiring Wayne King when he was at JJC and gave strong recommendations for Kalb as assistant head coach.

Some of Kalb's duties include recruiting, running spring practices and being the team's offensive mastermind. Kalb plans on running and passing 50/50 and wants to include a little bit of an option attack. Kalb wants a mobile quarterback who can handle doing more than one thing.

One of the main things Kalb wants to do is bring in a team that can win right away. "So far recruiting has gone well," said Kalb. One of the players on Kalb's wish list includes Matt Wolfe, an 6'6 1/2 offensive lineman out of Ohio, who is described by coach Kalb as a future "Big Ten" player. Some other names include Eric Tate, a tailback/linebacker called a great athlete by Kalb, who should be signed soon. Tony Lippert, a tailback and the son of the New England Patriots' Ronnie Lippert, is also one of 8 out of state recruits along with Wolfe.



Matt Kalb

This year's schedule will include the only two conference teams left other than JJC, including Rock Valley and Harper

Community College. JJC will play these teams twice along with other Iowa schools. There are also five players interested in transferring to JJC from the now defunct program at the College of DuPage.

The coaching staff will retain Coach Tom Peterson as linebackers coach and Coach Gaudin, the defensive line coach. Defensive line coaches are presently being interviewed.

Coach Matt Kalb is a possible head coach down the road but feels he has a long way to go. "I feel like my hands are full, but I am learning each day," said Kalb.

Students to direct plays April 17-19 and April 20

JJC will present three student-directed one-act plays April 17-20 in the Fine Arts Theatre. The shows will be presented at 8 p.m. April 17-19 and at 2:30 p.m. April 20.

The shows are "Desperados," directed by Brian Bessler of Joliet, and "Hopscotch," directed by Jennifer Laddin, also of Joliet. "Sure Thing" will be directed by Joliet resident and JJC alumni Jamie Novotny, Joliet.

"Desperados" will feature Brandon Maherry of Joliet, Lisa Pietka of Mokena and Brian Stanley of

Shorewood. Kevin Milligan II of Plainfield and Jen Sulligan of Frankfort will perform in "Hopscotch," and Lorinda Carmine of Joliet, Brandon Loesser of New Lenox and Danny Winterbottom of Chicago will appear in "Sure Thing." Tamara Drosos of Joliet is the stage manager and Anthony Morimoto of Bolingbrook is the assistant stage manager for the one-acts.

Ticket prices are \$3 for the general public, \$3 for senior citizens, JJC faculty/staff and students over the age 13 and \$1 for JJC students.



Eighty-first commencement is May 16

Congressman and student to speak

By Stephen Hicks

Congressman Jerry Weller of Morris and JJC student Keith David Jones of Bolingbrook will speak at JJC's eighty-first annual commencement exercises Friday night, May 16, in Wills Gymnasium.

Representative Weller is in his second term as congressman for the Eleventh District in Illinois. He serves on the powerful Ways and Means Committee in the 105th Congress and sits on the Social Security and Oversight Subcommittees.

During his first term, Weller was named by his colleagues as one of three to represent the freshman class on the House Republican Steering Committee and was also tapped to be an Assistant Majority Whip. Recently, Weller was unanimously elected to lead colleagues as president of the sophomore class. In his last term, Representative Weller was successful at passing into law his top local legislative priority, developing the Joliet Arsenal into the largest National Tallgrass Prairie and a national veteran's cemetery. Other local priorities include the South Suburban Third Airport, which will keep Illinois a major international aviation center. Weller's efforts to establish the Midwin Tallgrass Prairie earned him the Environmental Protector Award from The Chicago Audubon Society.

Jones is a 1991 graduate of Bolingbrook High School. His graduation from JJC is a particularly special event, he says, since he is the first person in his family to earn a college degree. With his associate in science degree,



Jerry Weller



Keith Jones

Jones plans to continue his studies this fall in Eastern Illinois University's Environmental Biology program.

Jones waited to start college because he wasn't sure he had what it took to be a college student. After four years in the work force, he realized he wanted more out of life, so he started classes at JJC. After a job layoff, Jones sought out the Dislocated Worker and DORS programs. With the help of their staff, he persisted and became a

full-time student. Knowing he has a learning disability, he also discovered he was dyslexic. However, he says these obstacles, along with a serious shoulder surgery, never discouraged him from reaching his goal.

Jones served as president of the Grassroots Club, is recipient of the Alfred Menter Memorial Scholarship, the Student Service Recognition Award, and was nominated for (Continued on Page 8)



Award winners Hicks and Olvera

Hicks, Olvera win student awards

Winners of the 1997 student achievement awards are Stephen Hicks of Plainfield and Karen Olvera of Minooka.

Hicks, a 1990 graduate of Lemont Township High School, is a journalism major at JJC. He hopes to transfer to the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in the fall of 1997.

After high school Hicks attended Northern Illinois University but dropped out because of poor grades. He then went into the work force full time. In 1994 he was involved in a motorcycle accident which left him a T-9 paraplegic. After rehabilitation Hicks decided to give college another try. He came to JJC in 1995 as a full time student and now has completed 54 hours with a GPA of 3.77.

Hicks has been very involved with the life of the college. He has served as reporter and editor of the student newspaper, *The Blazer*. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, has been appointed to the Athletics Review Task Force, and has also served as a peer tutor.

Olvera is a 1995 graduate of Minooka High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. A history major, Olvera plans to transfer to a four-year university with a double major in Library Science and History.

Olvera is president of JJC's History Club and lead the group's fundraising efforts

which enabled them to host a trip for members to the Art Institute of Chicago. Her advisor, in speaking of her contributions to the History Club, says, "All in all Karen is the kind of person who makes things happen, and she has a keen interest in and knowledge of history. I only wish there were more students like her."

Olvera is committed to service outside of the college as well. Since graduating from high school, she has been a regular blood donor, feeling it her way of helping others. During this past year, she also participated in a Big Brother, Big Sister Program.

Other candidates for the Student Achievement award were Michael Robertson of Joliet, Keith Jones of Bolingbrook, Rhonda Carlson of Joliet, Thomas Curry of Frankfort, and Mary Stika of Joliet.



Photo by Stephen Hicks

Amanda Sutter was sworn in as student trustee by Trustee Eleanor McGuan-Boza at the April board meeting.

Fitness Center goes 'state of the art'

By Roy Herman

New equipment has arrived at the Fitness Center. The equipment was approved at a Board of Trustees meeting in March and arrived over the spring break. The equipment includes nine Woodway treadmills, Nordic tracks, Nustep, Tectrix virtual reality bikes, Versaclimbers and the Wind-jammer Rigger. Total cost was \$80,000 for the state-of-the-art equipment.

"There is something for everyone," states Dr. John Peterson, director of the Fitness Center. He played a big role in developing the Fitness Center and hopes this will lead it into the 20th century.

Jim Dalsgrode, a member of the Fitness Center, said that

the Woodway treadmill is the best he has ever run on. Dalsgrode is a physical therapist and a tri-athlete.

The Woodway, states Peterson, is easy on the knees and legs. "Never before has running been so safe," said Peterson. "The Tectrix virtual reality hike is like being at the arcade, but with you getting exercise," said Peterson. "It really gives everyone an incentive to work out."

The Fitness Center costs \$79, with a ten-dollar fee being paid out of the cost for a first-time orientation. After that it's just \$69 to enroll. Peterson said that they don't "sell" memberships, but the \$69 fee can be renewed as long as you want to (Continued on Page 8)



Photo by Betha Craner

Roy Herman tries out the Tectrix.

**Blazer
will be
back next
fall**

Final Cliches from the Editor

By Stephen Hicks

This is my farewell to all readers of the *Blazer*. It has been a wonderful experience to be an active voice for the student body. In my last editorial I could take a position on a dilemma that may need addressing, but I prefer to just say goodbye in my perverse way.

"Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're gonna get," but I say, "You know what you're gonna get if you buy the box yourself." Don't buy what you don't want or need; only choose the chocolate that is the best and in large quantities, but remember that "Every-

thing is good in moderation." "When life deals you the Ace of Spades, one has to play the hand they're dealt." This is good because the best poker hand is a royal flush. Although, if you have been dealt a royal flush, bet big, but make sure that you're not bluffing because "Cheaters never win."

Be sure that when something or someone gets you down, you let it "Roll off your back like water off a duck's back." However, the question still remains: "Is a duck water tight?" And don't forget that "Birds of a feather flock together," but let other birds fly with the flock too because there are lots of people with guns out there waiting to

shoot us out of the sky.

"Never walk under a ladder, and never open an umbrella in the house." If you do, you deserve the bad luck that will follow. Black cats, on the other hand, aren't bad luck, but they do make a nice sandwich.

Last but not least: respect everyone. Try not to make enemies because you never know when you will need your "enemies'" help. Love and cherish all the quirky one-liners that we hear every day because they make us smile. "Live life to the fullest," because we only get one chance at life, and remember that I love you all (including the cheerleaders).

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Stephen, I just finished reading your apology, or was that a retraction, and I feel compelled to inform you that you missed the mark. You are still making sexist remarks. The hissing sound you hear isn't coming from your male cohorts; it's coming from the women.

I have never met you so I'm making the assumption that you make your remarks from a lack of experience and ignor-

ance. I assume that you have never been married or have raised a family; otherwise you wouldn't have made the remark "that you would love to stay home and not work." Housework isn't usually paid labor, however it is labor. If you are not lucky enough to have someone work for free for your benefit, be prepared to pay someone to do your laundry, shopping and errands. You will also need to hire a cook, maid, gardener,

secretary, bookkeeper, chauffeur and babysitter. This isn't even a complete list.

If you really loved women, you would want to show that you respect and value them. Do yourself a favor and learn about women, respect, and equality before you get into a relationship or marriage rollout than after your divorce. Enroll in the sex, gender, and power class at JJC.

Sincerely,
Candice Baloucek

Pot is not the way to a high GPA

By Jason Maholy

A study made last year in connection with the Wellness program showed that student marijuana use is up 7 percent from 1993. This fact was revealed by a survey that has been conducted on the JJC campus for the last several years.

Now, 7 percent is not an alarming increase, and the use of alcohol and other drugs has stayed relatively constant over the same period. What is alarming is that 20 percent of JJC students claim to use marijuana on a daily basis.

One reason that JJC students who smoke marijuana every day need to cut down is that smoking it on a daily basis tends to cause laziness, fatigue, and a general lack of drive to do anything remotely related to school. The 20 percent of students who smoke it daily probably tend to miss classes and do poorly in them more often than the non-smoker. It is not that marijuana makes these students stupid; it is that when they are stoned, they either put assignments off until the last minute or do not do them at all. When they are stoned, they feel there are much

more important things to be done than schoolwork. There probably are those daily smokers that can keep up with their schoolwork and make it to class every day, but it is safe to say that they are in the minority.

There is probably a certain percentage of JJC "potheads" who are here because of academic deficiencies in the past. If a student is here for this reason and is smoking pot every day and still doing poorly in his or her studies, that person needs to realize it is time to change. At this point experimentation should be over for this select group of students. Smoking marijuana has obviously not helped them in their studies so cutting down or quitting cannot hurt. Even if he or she is passing and will be able to transfer to a four-year school, it would be wise to plan on quitting soon, maintaining even a 2.0 GPA at a four-year school is not easy.

If students who are abusing marijuana daily now keep it up, they may find themselves having problems later in life. If they are doing poorly in their studies and decide to quit

school, things will only get worse. Without a college degree it is nearly impossible to succeed in the world today. Sad and unfair as that may be, is the truth.

What can be done about the JJC students who are smoking marijuana daily? The Wellness Center might want to institute some sort of program for those students who want to quit but do not have the will to do so on their own, or maybe some former potheads could form a support group of some sort. Since they have been through the same thing, they would be the best people to help these current smokers. If this does not happen, all hope is not lost. There are those potheads who are going to realize on their own that their drug abuse is hurting them academically. These students will quit smoking, get their heads on straight and probably lift their GPA, transfer to a four-year school and take off from there. The only ones that will be left behind are those that never realize the folly of their ways and so keep smoking pot and doing poorly in school.

Blazer wins 7 awards at state competition

The Blazer staff won two first places, two seconds, and three thirds at the Illinois Community College Journalism Association meeting and competition at Wright College in Chicago April 14.

First-place awards were for layout and for a feature. "JJC pow wow will be a 'good time' to learn," by Cynthia Chubb, student from New Lenox. The *Blazer* won second place for overall newspaper content and production and for an editorial by Chubb, "Don't rule out young jurors."

Third-place awards went to Stephen Hicks, student from Plainfield, for an opinion column, "Student pay unfair," to Lark Rains of Bolingbrook for single photo, "Instructor Phil Pickett," and to Chubb for a photo spread, "Main Street."

The *Blazer* competed in the category of tri-weeklies and monthlies. Competing colleges were Illinois Valley Community College, Malcolm X College, Rock Valley College, Illinois Central College, Shawnee Community College, South Suburban College, Morton College, Sauk Valley Community College, Elgin Community College, and John A. Logan College.

The *Blazer* staff consists of Hicks, editor; Chubb, production manager; Roy Herman, news editor; Carla Swinke, sports editor; Barbara Lavin, ad manager; Sivixay Souvannarath, assistant production manager; Erica Gallagher, cartoonist; and Sarah McNabb, fine arts editor. Marion Sorenson of the English and Foreign Languages Department is sponsor.

Summer on the patio

Last issue's mystery picture was the entrance to the door leading to JJC's patio behind the cafeteria. Now that warm weather and sunshine are finally here, the patio will

be a favorite spot for students to eat breakfast or lunch or just socialize between classes. If you haven't already, open the door to that picture and enjoy summer at JJC.

We goofed, by Josh!

The excellent job of reporting for the "Wellness Week" story on Page 1 of the April 17 *Blazer* was done by

Josh Erwin, a newcomer to the staff. We failed to give Josh a much-deserved byline. Sorry, Josh!!

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Is a support group the answer?

Star Trek has mutated since 1966

By Eva Schultz

In 1966, writer/director Gene Roddenberry's *Star Trek* debuted on television. The adventure/drama, set in a future in which the citizens of Earth are united and aliens inhabit the universe, proudest that its characters would "bldly go where no man has gone before." It was not only the characters, however, who would make this journey. The very concept of *Star Trek* would spread throughout the media, and the views, attitudes, and



and thenes of *Star Trek* would mutate throughout the 31 years that have followed. In order *Star Trek* (The Original Series or "TOS" as fans call it) ran from 1966 to 69. The series was canceled after 79 episodes, but it had earned a loyal fan following. Many people think that *Star Trek* hibernated until its first movie into film, but a little-known animated version of TOS ran from 1973-74, yielding 22 episodes as TOS' first spin-off series.

Star Trek made its first noted appearance since the cancellation of TOS when *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* was released in theaters in 1979. The original cast of TOS starred, and *Star Trek* found a renewed fan following. Five more movies based on TOS would follow; 1982, 1984, 1986, 1989, and 1991 would each bring a new film starring the TOS crew.

In 1987, Gene Roddenberry made the decision to launch a spin-off series based on TOS. Though the concept was

resisted by many loyal TOS fans, *Star Trek: The Next Generation* would become the highest-rated syndicated drama on television and would bring about an explosion of interest in what was becoming known as "the *Star Trek* franchise." TNG ran until 1994, producing 177 episodes. The ratings were still high when the producers (minus Gene Roddenberry, who passed away in 1991) decided to end TNG in favor of making movies based on the TNG crew.

Star Trek Generations, the first TNG movie, was released in 1994 and not only starred the cast of TNG, but included substantial parts for several of the TOS cast members. *Star Trek: First Contact* was released in 1996 and is the first *Star Trek* movie to include none of the TOS cast members. Rumors persist as to whether another TNG-based movie is planned.

In 1992, the producers of TNG, buoyed by the show's success and looking to its future in other spin-off series, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* debuted in 1992. Though it has at times been weak in the ratings and is sometimes labeled inferior to TNG, DS9 has secured its place as a highly-rated syndicated program.

The latest spin-off unveiled by the *Star Trek* producers is *Star Trek: Voyager*. *Voyager* was released in January, 1995, midway through the 1994-95 television season, as the an-

chor of Paramount Studios' network, UPN. *Voyager*, like DS9, has endured heavy criticism but has drawn enough of an audience to be of value to its producers.

TOS has spawned four spin-off series and eight movies which run in syndication around the world, gathering fans from many of the nations. *Star Trek* has also moved into other fields, both media and non-media.

In *Star Trek*'s incredible growth further into television and into other media, it has mutated. *Star Trek* no longer means TOS—any number of other venues come to fans' minds when the words are mentioned. *Star Trek*, however, has not grown just in volume. The series' morals, views, and presentations of different groups have changed as time has passed.

In 1966, TOS was hailed as "Wagon Train to the stars." Three characters dominated the bulk of stories: the captain, the officer, and doctor, all white males, led the crew. The main cast, however, was the first of its kind in television up to the 1960s. The cast carefully integrated members of many ethnicities, representing Russian, Scottish, African, and Asian characters working together in harmony. The African character was played by a woman and was a landmark role, one of the first roles of respect and power for an African-American actor in television.

TNG took further steps toward equality of genders and ethnicities. While white males still occupied the roles of captain and first officer, women filled the roles of doctor and

ship's counselor and, during the first season, chief of security. African Americans held two major roles in the main cast, and one was also written to be a blind man, with a prosthetic device to allow him vision.

DS9 took the step of incorporating *Star Trek*'s first African American captain in a lead role, though TNG had included such persons as guest stars. A female serves as first officer for the first time, and the Middle East is now represented by a regular character. An African American actor originally from TNG now holds a role on DS9, and a woman takes the position of head science officer, removing women from the traditional nurturing roles which they hold on TNG.

While TNG featured female captains in guest roles, *Voyager* is the first *Star Trek* series to star a female captain. American Indian groups are represented in the main cast for the first time in *Star Trek* history, and the Asian guest, not present as principal characters in TNG or DS9, is represented in the main cast of this series. An African American holds one of the main positions, and another character represents Hispanics. Along with the female captain is a female engineering chief, and in a more traditional yet not-re-

strictive role, a female nurse.

While *Star Trek* has done so much for gender and race relations, there are still many complaints against each of the series. TOS is notorious for the captain character's many trysts with both human and "alien" females. In almost every episode, the white male captain finds a woman with whom he falls in love and often makes various levels of love to. In addition to this complaint, it is also noted that the women's clothing is also quite revealing. While all the men in the main cast wear uniforms with pants, the female wear uniforms designed with miniskirts, and guest and alien women often wear revealing dresses and short skirts. In the area of minority roles, it is complained the three dominating characters are all white males and are the ones to rescue the minorities in dangerous situations.

TNG also made its blunders regarding women; in the opening episodes, miniskirt uniforms again appeared, but in a strange attempt at equality, the director put both men and women in the unflattering costumes. (The miniskirts were

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Sonnie Chikoka, a mbira musician from Zimbabwe and an ICISP visiting scholar in Illinois, spoke to JJC classes on April 28 and 29 and gave a special performance at noon in K2007. The mbira is a thumb piano made of forged iron keys bound to a wooden box. It is the most important instrument in Zimbabwe's culture. Chikoka was on campus as part of JJC's international studies program.

Community band performs

The JJC Community Band presented its annual Spring Concert on May 4 in the Fine Arts Theatre. The band is under the direction of Jerry E. Lewis, chairman of the Fine Arts Department.

The concert opened with "The Pathfinder of Panama" by John Philip Sousa. "Lonely Beach (Normandy, 1944)" by James Barnes, a dramatic selection, is a tone poem which portrays D-Day, 6 June 1944 through music. The work includes several aleatoric sections, a women's chorus, and traditional symphonic band music.

Ms. Sally Richards was featured in George and Ira Gershwin selections, "S Wonderful" and "Someone to Watch Over Me." Ms. Richards returned on the second half of the concert to sing "But Not For Me" and "As Time Goes By," also selections by Gershwin. Ms.

Richards, from Mokena, is an excellent song stylist. Her first CD, "Not Just Another Chick Singer," displays her many vocal talents, including her ability to deliver a song.

The first half of the concert concluded with "To Tune the Perilous Skies." This program was dedicated by composer David Holsinger to the exceptional men and women who "lamed the perilous skies" over Iraq and Kuwait during Desert Storm as well as "all modern aviators who help keep us free from tyranny."

The remainder included "Robinson's Grand Entrance" by Karl L. King, "Root Beer Rag" by Billy Joel, featuring the saxophone section, "Radetzky March" by Johann Strauss, Austria's favorite march, and "Selections from Show Boat" arranged by Robert Russell Bennett.

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gone by the second season and did not put in any more appearances.) The woman who played the ship's counselor, however, was not issued a standard uniform but instead wore form-hugging, low-cut dresses and bodysuits for most of the remainder of the series.

DS9 put its female characters in non-traditional roles, casting them as first officer and head science officer and putting a male in the nurturing role of doctor. A recent uproar, however, has arisen among fan-madly female fans over a sudden costume change. The first officer, who is not part of the "Starfleet" organization in the stories and therefore does not wear a standard uniform has thus far worn a non-revealing, pants-and-top uniform of her own. Recently, however, she appeared in skin-tight clothing and high heels, an upsetting change for some fans.

Voyager has, however, been lauded for its inclusion of a female captain. The chief engineer position, filled by a woman, has also been praised. A recent complaint, though, is that after two and a half seasons of wearing modest clothing, the nurse character, the youngest and most attractive of the women-appeared in one episode in a tight bodysuit, playing an alien character's love interest.

Star Trek has evolved from a 1966 television program into five series, eight movies, and countless media and nonmedia incarnations. Star Trek has been praised for its portrayal of women and minorities, and fans disagree sharply on whether changes should be made and what those changes should be. In the end, Star Trek is still a popular and strong franchise and will likely continue to grow and change for years to come.

JJC Jazz Concert is May 9

The JJC Fine Arts Department will present its annual Spring Jazz Concert on Friday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Theatre.

The concert will feature the college's Jazz Band under the direction of Jerry E. Lewis, chairman of the Fine Arts Department. Special guests will include the Joliet Township High School, West Campus, Jazz

Band under the direction of Kevin Carroll. Lewis stated that "other area jazz bands will be invited to share a program with the JJC Jazz Band in future concerts. The JT West Band was selected to premier this showcase since Mr. Carroll is a member of the JJC Jazz Band."

The band will perform "A Child is Born" by Thad Jones, "Tell Your Story" by Bob Flo-

rence, "What Is Hip?" arranged by Mike Tomaro, "Bulbous Garlic Blues" by Ladd McIntosh, "Joe's Vacation" by Denis DiBlasio, "My Main Man" by Bob Parsons, "Makin' Whoopee" arranged by Dave Barduhn, "Quiet Night of Quiet Stars" arranged by Mark Taylor, and "In a Mellow Tone" arranged by Frank Foster.

Student soloists will include Kevin Carroll on alto sax, Kerry Erb on tenor sax, Wayne Katula and Jerry Lewis on trumpet, Paul O'Connor and Melissa Kurbis on trombone, Renny Moretti on piano, and Mark Lingle on guitar.



CD Review

By Sarah McNabb

"k's Choice"

With a tone of sympathy, the group *k's Choice* entrances the arduous of such stations as Q101 FM, donning their hypnotic tune "Not An Addict," a heroine-addict's lullaby about the denial and doom of becoming dependent on drugs to feel alive, while actually dying. ("It's not a habit, it's cool, you feel alive, without it you're on the other side...")

The slow, cloudy rhythm of this hit song foreshadows a new future for this two-membered band. (By the way, the lead singer is a woman.) The title of this album is "Paradise in Me" and the cover of the CD looks like something out of a children's book. *k's Choice* can be classified as "alternative" at your nearest music store...and remember, these people are NOT promoting drugs, but merely telling it like it is through song. A very powerful song from a cool, on-the-rise group.

Thanks, Sarah

This is Sarah McNabb's last issue. She did a great job of filling the Fine Arts editor's position for the spring semester and also drawing "Juco Barbie."

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Ligda keeps TV 10 producing

By Cynthia Chubb

The 30-second spot ad for JJC featured two living, breathing, and talking goldfish. By now, they must have graduated with honors from the associate's degree program.

It was years ago when Mark Ligda, associate supervisor of Media Electronics, arrived at JJC and collaborated on upgrading the fish "tale." He's still not quite sure how he landed here.

He originally took off with a bachelor of science degree in aviation administration. It was his minor love, radiotelevision broadcasting, that nearly grounded him. Only his private airplane pilot's license keeps his head in the clouds now.

Ligda was drawn to the radio station when he attended Lewis University, where he got involved broadcasting weather reports and keeping records in his spare time.

The real "techie" stuff started when the radio station production director dragged him along to help videotape a volleyball game.

Ligda said, "It was happen by fire! They had no throwing camera, and I was down on the main floor videotaping close-ups."

"I had no idea what I was doing! I was just a 17-year-old college freshman, getting screened off by the director for missing good shots. It was very tough, and I hated it at first."

Nonetheless, Ligda picked up on broadcasting quickly while tagging behind the senior-level students. This breaking-in process insured that Lewis's Radio Station would continue to be manned (or womaned) by a competent crew despite graduations.

More than one person tried to get him to change his major, but he held out on all offers until his junior year. John Freberg taught part-time and did some consulting for Lewis University. He also happened to be the director of engineering for Diamond Broadcasting (owner of the WXRT-FM radio station). Diamond wanted an engineering intern for the station, and Freberg offered Ligda the internship. The terms were that he would have to minor in radio/television broadcasting.

He chose to concentrate the 20 hours of his minor on technical production aspects like broadcast operations and system design rather than broadcast journalism. During his last two years at Lewis, Ligda worked part-time for the Oak Lawn Park District handling the sound and lighting needs for live productions like plays and concerts. Just before graduation, Oak Lawn's Supervisor, Jim Popko, called Ligda to say he was quitting and to offer him a chance at the job. Ligda said he was introduced on Friday and started the job on Monday. Decasionally, during the two years he worked for the Oak Lawn Park District, Ligda

accepted freelance work. One side job was with Diamond Broadcasting as site engineer for the Midday Show on AM 620 radio. "Mike Ditka was on the show with Dan Jiggette and Mike North doing sports on the ESPN/EDX News," Ligda said.

Although JJC didn't have as many celebrities as Diamond Broadcasting, it did and does, have its own in-house, closed-circuit, cable system, which was installed shortly after the main campus was built.

The cable channel 10 was started in 1989 as a video information/message system to help disseminate information throughout the college. In May, 1995, Ligda started at JJC. He rewired, moved equipment, and upgraded the programs for the Amiga computer system that he used to set up the formats for channel 10. The information and messages on channel 10 are updated almost daily.

A new TV on the bridge provides both visual and audio access (this means you will finally hear what's being said) to the 13 cable channels that can currently be pulled off the air, as well as CNN, from a satellite dish hook-up.

"We'd like to encourage students to participate in broadcasting on channel 10 and join the TV 10 Club," Ligda added.

Fred Harris said, "The TV 10 Club was started as another way for students to explore different ways to shoot videos, try

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Mark Ligda editing an instructional video.

Parapsychology

Upcoming meetings for Parapsychology club include May 16, with "Alexander Technique" demonstrated by Beth Stein, and June 20, with "Edible Flowers" presented by Katherine Smith.

"Native American Local History" was the topic of the April 18 meeting. George Brown of Morris, dressed as Chief Shabbona, started the meeting with a short portrayal of the Chief's 40 years in the Kankakee, DuPage and Norman townships area of Grundy County.

Darwin DeCamp, Joliet area historian, also commented on his passion and lifestyle: the study of Native American culture. He has discovered 92 campsites in the Will County area, served as Illinois editor for

the "Central States Archaeology Journal" and is an expert craftsman of Native American ware.

Phi Theta Kappa

A total of 58 students met the requirements for Phi Theta Kappa in 1996-97 and have been accepted for membership into JJC's Alpha Lambda Phi Chapter of the International Honor Society. Of the list, 35 were new members in the fall and 23 in the spring. The honor society inducted new members on Tuesday, April 29.

Graphology

The Graphology Club will meet next on June 6, with the program still to be announced. Last Friday the club heard Helen Kutawik speak on "concepts in Personal Writing in Different Languages: Polish, German and Russian."

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This issue will be the last of Cindy's handwork. It was great to have such a generous, caring, and responsible person to work with. It was an experience that will be remembered fondly by all the staff. The *Blazer* staff wishes Cindy the best of luck in her career and know that she will leave the same impact in her future endeavors that she left at JJC.



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ate a portfolio. Cindy also was working in Media Services at the time, adding that work to her portfolio. "Without Cindy's expert knowledge of PageMaker, artistic talent, and perfectionist approach, the *Blazer* would not have been the award-winning paper it has just proved itself," said Sorensen. "She is a dedicated, loyal staff member and a delight to work with because of her calm patience and her terrific sense of humor."

This issue will be the last of Cindy's handwork. It was great to have such a generous, caring, and responsible person to work with. It was an experience that will be remembered fondly by all the staff. The *Blazer* staffers wish Cindy the best of luck in her career and know that she will leave the same impact in her future endeavors that she left at JC.



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JJC SPORTS NOTES

By Betha Cramer

Basketball All-Americans

Point guard Kisha Barfield was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III All-American first team. Sophomore Michael Mines was also named to the All-American second team. Mines was selected as the most valuable player for the N4C Conference and to the 1997 Region IV Division III All-Region team. Congratulations Kisha and Michael.

Spring Sports

The Baseball team had a record of 27-14 (as of press time 4-25). Softball 23-14 and Men's Tennis 4-9.

Fitness Center

The Total Fitness Center will run on its regular hours during the summer. Aerobic Classes are being offered during Summer I and II sessions. Market Days will continue through May and June.

Carla's Comments

This year in sports at JJC has been a very interesting experience. There is never a dull moment in the sports department.

There has been a change of coaches in men's basketball and football. This leaves next season open to many changes and fates. The women's basketball team has a talent to defend.

All the teams will be losing talented athletes to graduation and transfer, such as Kisha Barfield and Michael Mines. They will all be missed, but not forgotten. Good luck to them all!

This year of sports leaves an impression on the memories of those who participated and those who supported the athletes here at JJC. For those who missed this season's sports, all I can say is "don't miss next year!" Your support will help athletics greatly.

Everyone have a great and safe summer! Athletes, keep up the hard work! See you next year!

Fitness Center--(Continued from Page 1)

keep coming back. "Some people use us as their Health Club," said Peterson, which is just fine with him.

The Rend Lake facility, which is a free-weight facility, can be used with the Fitness Center. The Center's hours are 5:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, On Saturdays and Sundays the hours are 8 a.m. to noon.

Along with the cardiovascular, the center includes a circuit area of machines for body and muscle toning. There will be new T.V.'s installed some time soon near the cardio equipment. A description of each new workout piece is listed below.

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strength in one.

Windjammer Rigger. An upper body exercise that can be done from a wheelchair or the seat provided. It is rowing machine, but is not recommended for anyone with lower back pain.

Graduation--

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the Student Recognition Achievement Award.

Jones has served as a peer tutor for Biology 147 (Field Ecology), a camp counselor, and presently works two jobs. When he is not serving customers at a local restaurant, he is working at his own business as a dog obedience instructor.

Other student commencement speaker nominees were Lisa Pielka of Mokena, Victor Fratti of Cresthill, Susan Machnik of Lockport, Nadine Perez of Joliet, and Nitza Castro of Joliet.

JJC provides Hale-Bopp expert

During March, Natural Sciences Instructor/Plannerium Director Edward Eichelberger served as a local expert on the Hale-Bopp comet.

He was interviewed on two area radio stations, gave a talk at Joliet's Barnes and Noble bookstore and provided information for a Joliet Herald News article.

Joe Kuhn heads men's basketball

By Mike DiMaio

If future success can be judged by past credentials and experiences, then Joe Kuhn will be a slam dunk as the new head coach of JJC men's basketball.

Coach Kuhn is 1991 graduate of Hillcrest High School and a 1987 grad of Chicago State University. He is currently working on his master of education degree in curriculum and instruction.

Even though this will be his first head coaching job in college, Kuhn has been an assistant at the college level. He was an assistant for Pat Sullivan at CSF from 1990-92. He also was an assistant for Pat Klingler here at JJC during the 92-93 season. He has been head coach at Rich East High School the last three years.



Joe Kuhn

Despite his late start in recruiting, Kuhn is being at the high school level the past few years will help offset that. He has been plenty of games and players and at press time was on

the verge of officially signing some great prospects.

As a junior college coach, he will be looking for three types of players: Blue-chip players who can't qualify academically, real good Division I-type players who haven't found a school to their liking, and guys that have fallen through the cracks.

Kuhn intends to have a team that is able to play pressure defense, extending their pressure to full court at times. This in turn will lead to fast break points and great transition offense. In order to accomplish this, he needs the squad to be bigger and quicker than it has been. He is also looking for better shooters.

If Kuhn and his team can achieve this, then running with the Wolves will truly be a challenge to all opponents.

Personal trainer program

JJC will sponsor a Fitness Leadership Training and Certification (Personal Trainer) program for health and fitness professionals at the Total Fitness Center in G-Building in July.

The workshop is presented by the Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research (CIAR).

a non-profit organization founded by physical fitness expert Kenneth H. Cooper. The aim of the institute's certification courses is to train fitness professionals on leadership and program implementation skills developed and substantiated through the research effort.



The real Lupe-- Cathy Schley of Nursing was mistakenly identified as Lupe Ferrera in the April 16 *Blazer*. The *Blazer* staff regrets its honor of the year. We understand that 'Cathy Ferrera' called 'Lupe Schley' and they had a good laugh.

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Mainstreet, U.S.A. gave students an opportunity on Sept. 10 and 11 to see the many clubs that Joliet Junior College has to offer.

JJC expands curriculum for fall 1997 semester

By Scott Owens

Classes were added to the curriculum at Joliet Junior College this semester. Although it may have gone unnoticed by some people, several students and faculty members are pleased to know that JJC has expanded its class offerings to keep up with the diverse career paths of students today.

These additions include, but are not limited to, a new electronic engineering program, an updated computer department, and a new management class offered for the first time at JJC.

One of the biggest changes on campus appears to be the Electronic Engineering Technical program. It was only last year that the first class in the program, EET 102, was

available here. This year two more classes, EET 103 and EET 104, have been added.

This program gives students a hands-on education on the art of soldering. According to Jim King, who oversees the program, there are three divisions of soldering, which range from commercial work to life-threatening work, such as the kind used for the NASA Space Program or life support systems.

The first class offered, EET 102, teaches students the basics of what is known as "Thru Hole" technology. The next class, EET 103, is the phase where students can apply their knowledge in project constructions. EET 104 follows this and deals with surface mount devices.

If recommended by the instructor, students can earn national certification from a company called PACE. Jim King stressed that this national certification is recognized highly by employers on job resumes.

Hands-on application is a large part of this program. For example, one particular class instructed by King teaches students how to construct circuit boards.

Another department that has been expanded involves computers and technology. The CIS department has three new classes.

The department chairman, Ram Raghuraman, shared information about CIS 145, CIS 216, and CIS 254. Each class deals with computer-related (See Curriculum on Page 6)

New top administrators named to key positions

By Elvin Holloway

September saw a change in administrative staff here at Joliet Junior College. The positions filled were Vice-President for Academic Services, Vice-President for Student Services, and Dean of Transfer and Articulation Services.

The administration underwent structural changes as well, redividing the duties and responsibilities of the administrators.

J.D. Ross was named the college's Vice-President for Academic Services. He assumed his new role July 1. His duties are to coordinate all instructional programs. He works with the department chairs and program coordinators. He develops the class schedule and oversees curriculum submission and approval. He recommends faculty appointments and coordinates evaluation of staff.

Ross will complete 25 years of working at the college in November. He previously served as the Dean of Career Education and Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs. Ross has a master's degree in educational administration from Western Illinois University, a bachelor's from St. Ambrose College in Iowa, and attended Black Hawk Community College in Moline. He replaced Dr. James Lepanto.

Dr. Alan G. Hardersen was named the college's Vice-President for Student Services, effective Aug. 18. Included among his responsibilities is working with all areas, such as Financial Aid, Admissions, Records, Student Services, Holistic Wellness, Counseling, Career Development, Transfer Center, JAMSCEEP, Athletics and student clubs.

His goal is to provide the best services for the students at

JJC. Hardersen also serves as a liaison with the Academic Services and the Business Services areas. He is responsible for monitoring and supporting college policies related to students. Hardersen earned both his Ed.D. and master's degree from Northern Illinois University and his bachelor's from Augustana College. He replaced Dr. Jocelyn Ainley.

Dr. Dennis G. Wright was named Dean of Transfer Programs and Articulation Services. He will be assuming direct responsibility of the five academic departments and will manage instructional support units including the Academic Skills Center, Project Advance, the Learning Resource Center, Media Services and the on-campus Evening School Office. Wright received a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts, his master's and doctorate from the University of Connecticut.

Board says OK to football for '98

By Roy Herman

Football will return at Joliet Junior College for at least one more season.

The Joliet Junior College Board of Trustees voted to retain the football team on Sept. 8. A special committee formed in March supported continuing football at JJC.

"Our committee is not completed with its tasks, but this is to just put out a record of our decision so the players can know if there will be a next season," said Dr. Thomas E. Gamble, JJC president. The committee was created to investigate data concerning the financial and academic impact of enrollment by the football players, Gamble said.

The committee, which

consisted of faculty, administration, student and board of trustee members, spent much of the summer researching the issues.

"I'm pleased with the task force and am happy with its decision," Gamble said.

The committee is also recommending the program bring in more in-district student athletes, hire a second full-time coach, increase rapport with local high schools and provide separate locker facilities for the players.

"I am satisfied with the recommendations from the task force," Gamble said. The committee's work is not done, though, Gamble said. "They are still evaluating our other

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New Contract

Faculty, board agree on new three-year pact. See Page 5

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Welcome to a new year of the *Blazer*!

By Liz Vivanco, editor

¡Hola, JJC! Welcome to the first exciting edition of the *Blazer* this school year. This semester is your first year of this newspaper. In fact, we have a new staff at the *Blazer*, along with a new advisor.

This page will be dedicated to current issues that affect JJC and its students, and will usually include an editorial. For this first issue, however, I would like to use this space to introduce the senior staff, and give a brief description of their duties.

Our news editor is Roy Herman, who is in charge of editing the news stories. Roy has been a sports editor in the past, and still writes sports and news stories for the *Blazer*.

Carla Swinke heads the sports section, assigning stories and editing them. She also does some layout of the sports pages, and also writes sports stories.

Betha Cramer is the photo editor, choosing the pictures that are to be used in the paper, and taking them when necessary.

Soouvannarath assists with production by typing the articles. Annie Lohman helps with the layout of pages by working with the production software.

Another important aspect of the newspaper is the advertising department, which help to pay for expenses. Barb

Lavin is in charge of contacting business and organizations interested in inserting ads in the paper.

Bob Marcink is the faculty advisor, and he is the person responsible for keeping us within legal bounds.

There are many people involved with the reporting process of the newspaper, and they each contribute in their own way. The staff volunteers to write the articles that appear in the *Blazer*, whether they are news, features or sports.

The editor's job is to assign stories and make decisions on what gets printed in the newspaper.

Now, some background information about your editor. I am a 17-year-old Mexican-American. I speak fluent Spanish, with some knowledge of French. Journalism is my major and I intend to transfer to a four-year school by the end of the spring semester.

Becoming editor of the *Blazer* was an incredible honor and I will do my best to respect the title.

We hope that you enjoy reading this paper and find it entertaining as well as informative. Our goal is to turn out a quality newspaper that will help keep students and staff at Joliet Junior College informed of important events. Our coverage will be as campus-centered as possible so you can learn about the wonderful opportunities and activities



Photo by Betha Cramer

Blazer Editor Liz Vivanco talks with prospective staff members at Mainstreet, U.S.A.

our college offers.

I hope you will give us any feedback on the articles that appear in the paper. We encourage you to participate in order to better meet your needs. You may do so by writing letters concerning anything that you may want to comment upon, or to inform us about a subject you feel needs to be addressed.

In addition, we always appreciate any help with our news coverage. People have a voice at this college, and this

newspaper is a means of being heard. Letters to the editor serve to express people's opinions and expose different views in issues that are relevant to the Joliet Junior College community.

I hope this serves to introduce the new staff and myself, as well as to persuade you to read and possibly contribute to your campus newspaper. Please continue reading the *Blazer*, since it serves as a channel of communication between you and your fellow students.

This is your newspaper

By Bob Marcink, adviser

Hi. As the new journalism instructor and adviser to the *Blazer*, I would like to encourage all of you to get involved with your student newspaper.

You could do that in a number of ways. If you choose to join the staff, you could become a reporter; you could take photographs for the newspaper; you could help to edit stories; you could learn the newspaper advertising business; or, you could help with production.

If being a staff member is not feasible, you could get involved in other ways. You could serve an important role by simply reading the newspaper and providing feedback. The editor and staff have to know what is important to you if

they are to serve you well. And, if that feedback takes the form of a letter to the editor, that's even better.

When Marion Sorensen retired last summer, she did not leave the cupboard bare. A few veteran *Blazer* staff members returned to help make the transition into the new year much easier for me and the new editor, Liz Vivanco. A number of new staff members have also come forward, and today's issue is the first product of their efforts. But, you, too, are needed. You do not have to be a journalism student to get involved, either. All students are welcome.

I will not be addressing you again in this space. This is your newspaper, not mine. So, get involved in the process. You'll be glad you did.

Letter policy

We at the *Blazer* encourage participation from our readers through letters to the editor. All letters must be signed and a phone number must be given so that we can verify the authenticity of the letter and the sender. We ask that all letters, if possible, be kept to 300 words or less. We reserve the right to edit letters for space considerations. Please send letters to the *Blazer* through interoffice or regular mail, or drop off letters in the mail slot at the *Blazer* office at G1009.

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Mainstreet, U.S.A. promotes clubs at JJC

By Kelly Shanahan

The smell of fresh-popped popcorn and hot apple pie filled JJC Sept. 10 and 11 as the Office of Student Services and Activities (SSA) sponsored Mainstreet, U.S.A.

Mainstreet, U.S.A., held in the main concourse, allowed students to check out the various clubs, organizations, and services open to them. With more than 40 booths and more than 700 students expected to attend, the fair gave students the opportunity to get involved.

Using candy, raffles, and giveaways, many clubs tried to entice students toward their table. Once at the table, students were given information about the club and the various activities they participate in throughout the year.

For the first time, the fair was held during evening hours, 5:30-7 p.m. According to the Office of Student Services and Activities, it enabled evening students to become aware of the services available to them, and many took advantage of the opportunity.

Also new this year was the eatery, a chance for students to get free popcorn, apple pie, coffee or pop. Sponsored by the Cross-Cultural Programming



Photo by Betha Crumer

Fred Harris, Native American Club sponsor, puts on a demonstration for an interested student at Mainstreet, U.S.A. on Thursday, Sept. 11.

Board, the JJC Student Alliance, and the Office of SSA, many students took advantage of the free food while checking out the various booths.

Mainstreet, U.S.A., was chosen as the theme for the fair this year because, according to a member of the JJC Student

Alliance, just like every town has a mainstreet, so does JJC.

"I think the Cross Cultural Programming Board should be commended for hosting a very successful event," said Pattie Fine, director of Student Services and Activities. She was particularly impressed with the

presentations and displays put together by the clubs and departments, finding them creative, informative and interesting.

"I think the JJC students appreciated the opportunity to explore the services and activities available to them and

I look forward to the next Mainstreet, which is planned for January of 1998," she said.

Students still interested in any of JJC's clubs, activities, or organizations should contact the Office of Student Services and Activities (H1001), or call at ext. 2308.



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JJC Players

Moliere's *The Misanthrope* to be staged by theater group

By Michael Fletcher

Is truth always the best solution?

The JJC Players will explore that issue in their production of *The Misanthrope*, to be staged Oct. 9-12.

The Misanthrope, written in 1666 by French playwright Molière, deals with this question through the eyes of the main character, Alceste.

Alceste, distraught by all the lies and hypocrisy he sees every day, decides to deal with

everything in his life in a truthful manner. The consequence of that action is that Alceste's world starts to fall into pandemonium.

The comical consequences of his newfound dedication to the truth pile deeper and deeper, making him wonder whether he has chosen the right path.

This critical comedy may sting, but you can't help laughing as you notice these circumstances mirrored in everyday life. If you like a farce with as much satire as Sartre,

then *The Misanthrope* will provide you with a fun and entertaining night at the theater.

This wonderful madness is directed by Dr. Zachary Bloomfield. The show will run from Oct. 9-12 at the Fine Arts Theater at the main campus of Joliet Junior College.

For more information about prices and times for *The Misanthrope*, call (815) 729-9020, Extension 2200. Information is also available at that extension for the entire theater season.

Joan of Arc takes on album format

By Jason Braasch

This is the first full length album by a truly unique band that explores all aspects of musical experimentation. They have previously released songs on the seven-inch record format, but Joan of Arc has never produced a full-length album until now.

Three members of JOA were previously in a band known as Cap'n Jazz, who pioneered the indie rock scene of the early nineties. Cap'n Jazz mixed up-tempo drumming with harmoniously overlaid guitar tracks that created a distinct sound. This barrage of music was accompanied by the spastic

singing of Tim Kinsella. The three members, Tim Kinsella, Mike Kinsella, and Sam Zurich, went on to form Joan of Arc with accompaniment by Jeremy Boyle and Eric Boeck.

So, now that the history lesson is over, let us get to the new album. *A Portable Model of* is a concept album that revisits the emotions of childhood through the recollection of memories. Tim Kinsella sings of times when he was growing up, and he has the perfect singing voice for belting out raw emotion.

Each song is dynamically diverse and flows like a roller coaster ride. There are multiple

guitars playing different harmonies that all revolve around one well thought out melody. The guitars are soft and melodic, but they are occasionally interrupted by the use of multiple spacey keyboard noises. This creates a sonically diverse concoction that could only be Joan of Arc.

Overall, *A Portable Model of* is a great pop album to kick back and listen to. The multiple instruments and great guitar lines can put anyone in a great mood. This is one of the best albums I have purchased in a long time and is definitely worth picking up at your local CD store.



Photo by Betha Cramer

"Reggie," left, and "Ajon" entertain students and staff at the karaoke performance on Sept. 11.

Events and entertainment planned for fall semester

By Erica Gallagher

This coming year, students will be faced with an array of entertaining and amusing events to choose from. Whether they'll be competing in a karaoke competition, attending a concert performance, or learning about herbal remedies, students have the opportunity to enjoy various activities.

Students directly sponsor the events by paying a fee included when they register.

"Students pay a \$3 per credit hour fee to sponsor student activities and clubs," according to Pattie Fine, director of Student Services and Activities. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the clubs and events available to them.

"There is something here for everyone to get involved with; that's the great thing about having such diverse clubs and activities," said Fine.

The Cross Cultural Programming Board organizes events and special activities for the students. "The CCPB is an alliance of students who work together to determine what the interests of the students are," Fine said.

In addition to the CCPB working on activities, various clubs also sponsor some around campus.

For example, Phi Theta Kappa will be sponsoring the AIDS Walk coming up on Sept. 28. Nursing sponsored the Blood Drive and later this fall

will be having a Caramel Apple Sale.

Activities that seem to generate the biggest student turnout are karaoke, coffeeshops and Mainstreet. The events are organized by the CCPB and attract many spectators and participants. The "Beagle Bros." will be returning for an October coffeeshop.

"They (Beagle Bros.) were quite entertaining last spring; they drew a big crowd as they performed," said Jamie Agnch, junior.

These activities are indeed designed to bring the students together in a fun atmosphere.

"Since this is my first year here, I'm looking forward to seeing what the school has to offer extracurricularly," said Crystal McAllister, freshman.

The CCPB considers the student community when determining which activities to organize. The more diverse the CCPB becomes, the better chance there is for a well-rounded events agenda.

"Any student is welcome to become a part of the CCPB," Fine stated.

This fall has something for everyone to enjoy, and dates and times of upcoming activities will be posted. Students interested in the CCPB are encouraged to drop by the Student Services Office in H1001 and pick up a meeting schedule.

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JJC tuition hike in line with other JuCos

By Matt Furlane

Tuition bills were abt higher this summer and fall compared to last spring due to a \$2-per-credit-hour increase in tuition.

The JJC Board of Trustees approved the tuition increase last winter.

Tuition and fees at JJC amount to \$46 per credit hour, up from \$44, which would make a tuition bill for 12 credit hours \$552, excluding lab fees and

other expenses.

JJC is not the only college to raise its tuition. At least 10 other area community colleges have raised their tuition by \$2-per-credit hour or more since this past spring, including Illinois Central Valley, Moraine Valley, Oakton, Parkland, Elgin, Heartland, Prairie State, South Suburban, Triton, and Waubesa. Illinois Valley increased its tuition by \$2.25

per credit hour.

According to Tom Ryan, vice president of business services, the decision is by no means arbitrary, and a number of factors are taken into consideration before any increase is proposed.

"When we consider raising tuition we're basically looking at the whole budget: operating costs, salaries, inflation, also government spending, which

has declined from 25 percent of total revenue in 1991 to 21.5 percent in 1996," Ryan said.

In addition, Ryan mentioned increasing maintenance costs due to an aging facility and the importance of keeping up with technology so students get exposed to what is out in the workplace today.

He also noted that JJC still brings in about the same amount of revenue as in 1991 despite

increases in enrollment and tuition due to the above-mentioned factors, which cancel out any gains.

JJC tuition has steadily risen a total of \$18 per credit hour since 1988 and continues to remain about average compared with other area community colleges.

No further proposals to raise tuition are being considered at this time.

Faculty, Board of Trustees agree on contract extension

By Betha Cramer

Joliet Junior College Board of Trustees and the union that represents faculty have agreed to a contract extension through the year 2000.

The board approved the contract on Sept. 8 after the American Federation of Teachers Local 604 overwhelmingly approved by a 127 to 4 vote. The contract calls for a base salary increase of 4 percent during each remaining year of the agreement.

John Stobart, president of the College Council representing the teachers union,

said he was pleased with the overload and summer school pay increases in the new contract, even more so than the 4 percent base salary increase per year. The new contract calls for overload and summer school pay to be based on teachers' education and experience.

"(It's) a much more just system," Stobart said. He believes the quality of education will be reflected in these changes.

"They (faculty) just liked the contract," Stobart said, referring to the overwhelming vote.

Fringe benefits were also upgraded in the contract, Stobart said.

Football

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sports programs to make them better."

Gamble said the school does plan to hire a second full-time coach. Money for the salary will come from funds used for part-time coaches and student activity fees, he added.

Gamble feels the new position is needed because 65 players are involved in the sport, many more than are involved in the other sports.

Harper College has

established a task force to look at its football program and is expected to base its decision on what the other participating schools do. Rock Valley is getting a new president on Oct. 1 and won't decide until later in the year on whether to continue football.

The worst-case scenario would see those schools dropping out, Gamble said, and that would cause JJC to reevaluate its decision.

"That doesn't mean that we'll change our decision," Gamble said.

JJC could still continue to play Michigan and Iowa teams. The program currently costs \$56,000, but costs could rise if Harper and Rock Valley drop out because of the increased travel. Gamble said the current budget is manageable.

"Fifty thousand isn't bad, but say \$100,000...now that's another story," he said.

Child care service available to students, staff on campus

By Scott Larson

Joliet Junior College offers a professionally staffed Child Care Center in Room B1001 for many students and staff members that have children. The service is provided for

children ages 3 to 12 during the fall and spring semesters from 7:40 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Many activities have been organized, including snacks, story time, nap time and play time, which is the most

important time for children. The center is based on the idea of education through play, which encourages the children to develop social relationships such as making friends, working in groups and sharing.

Currently under construction at the center is a new playground area, which is designed with an emphasis on safety. Through fun and safe activities, the younger children learn how to enjoy school and how to deal with the temporary separation from their parents.

The Child Care Center is available to all staff and students at Joliet Junior College. Parents must submit a copy of the child's medical information and fill out a registration form. Some children may be eligible for a free or reduced lunch price through the Federal Lunch Program.

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Campus Police

Joliet Junior College Campus Police Department has been busy the weeks of Aug. 25-Sept. 14 with numerous car accidents, medical assists, burglaries, a warrant arrest and a sexual harassment report.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

- ◆two-vehicle accident on Exit Road, Aug. 25. No injuries reported.
- ◆two-vehicle accident on Entrance Road, Aug. 27. No injuries reported.
- ◆three-vehicle accident on Entrance Road, Aug. 27. No injuries reported.
- ◆two-vehicle accident in Lot No. 4, Aug. 29.
- ◆five-vehicle accident on Entrance Road, Sept. 3. No injuries reported.
- ◆three-vehicle accident on Entrance Road, Sept. 3. No injuries reported.
- ◆officers investigated damage found on a college vehicle parked in Lot No. 4, Sept. 8. Classified as a hit-and-run.
- ◆two-vehicle accident on Exit Road and College Drive, Sept. 9. No injuries were reported.
- ◆two-vehicle accident in J-student parking, Sept. 10. No injuries reported.
- ◆hit-and-run accident in J-parking, Sept. 10, under investigation.

WARRANT ARREST
◆person involved in traffic accident found to be wanted by another agency, Aug. 25. Released after posting bond.

UNLICENSED DRIVER
◆questioning reveals driver to be underage, Aug. 25. Driver cited and the vehicle released to its owner.

THEFT
◆laptop computer stolen from a computer room, Aug. 27.
- ◆stereo stolen from a vehicle in T-Lot, Sept. 10.

ASSIST TO ANOTHER AGENCY
◆officers assisted another agency with the investigation of a stolen car, Sept. 8. Complaint determined unfounded.

BATTERY/SEXUAL HARASSMENT
◆a student reported being touched and harassed by another student. Incident referred for student discipline, Sept. 10.

MEDICAL ASSISTS
◆officers assisted several ill students and employees during weeks Aug. 25-Sept. 12.

Club news and events

There is something for everyone at JJC

By Scott Owens

For anyone with some free time on their hands, JJC is currently offering a variety of clubs to get involved with, along with an extensive schedule of visits by transfer colleges. The clubs are very diverse in nature, so there's something for everyone.

Clubs

The JJC Graphology Club meets the first Friday of every month in Room B1002 at 7 p.m. They recently hosted Jim Felbinger, who discussed how to use vitamins to keep you healthy. Another event is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 3. The topic has not yet been named for that meeting.

The Newman Club is a club on campus that reflects on religion and how the Scripture affects daily life. This organization meets in Room J-2010 on Wednesdays. For more information, the Newman advisor, Charlene Wagner, can

be contacted at ext. 2521.

Another interesting club that students could get involved with is the JJC Parapsychology Club. This club meets in D2001 at 7 p.m. The topic of discussion on Sept. 19 was "Synchricity." On Oct. 17, the subject will be "Capoeira" with Antonio Carrico.

The JJC History Club is planning a field trip to Starved Rock State Park and the nearby Illinois Waterway Museum on Saturday, Oct. 11. The trip is free except for lunch, but seating is limited. If anyone is interested in coming along for a fun-filled day of hiking and history, please contact Oave Thompson at ext. 6734, Mon.-Thurs., 2-7 p.m.).

The History Club also will commemorate Columbus Day by showing the movie *1492: The Conquest of Paradise*, a historical drama starring Gerard O'Pardieu, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the TV Studio (located in the LRC, J-building, 3rd floor). There will be free refreshments and

discussion of the controversial aspects of the holiday.

Planetarium Shows

JJC is also presenting a series of star shows in October. Five different shows will be presented at the Herbert Trackman Planetarium.

"Our Place in Space" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2. This is a program geared towards children between the ages of four and seven.

"Hubble Vision" is another one of the five star shows; it will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

"Wonders of the Night" is a program intended for the whole family to enjoy. This explains the phenomena of constellations. It is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16.

Two more star shows are also slated for October. "The Endless Horizon" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct.

21 and "Larry, Cat in Space" is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 30.

The Herbert Trackman Planetarium is located in the F-building at JJC's main campus. All of the shows last approximately one hour, and it is suggested that all visitors arrive early since seating capacity is limited in the planetarium.

Recruiters

Another opportunity offered at JJC is a wide variety of transfer college recruiters visiting our campus from 10-1 p.m. on their respective visiting days.

North Central College will have a representative on the bridge today, Sept. 24. Robert Morris College is scheduled for Sept. 26. St. Xavier will be here on Sept. 29, and College of St. Francis will have a representative on campus on Oct. 1.

Curriculum

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skills that students may need for their future employments.

CIS 145 is titled "The Fundamentals of Networking." Local area networking is discussed. Major topics include connecting PC's and connecting computers to printers.

Raghuvaran said more advanced classes in this area can be taken after this course is completed.

One of these classes is a new class at JJC, entitled CIS 254, "Advanced Networking." With this class, a Novelle certificate can be achieved for as little as \$200, when it usually would cost about \$4,000 according to Raghuvaran.

CIS 216, "Worldwide Web Homepage Authoring," is among the new additions. This class gives the students an understanding of the Internet. In this class, everyone will have the opportunity to create their own working Worldwide Web Homepage.

Yet another new class in the computer-related field is Computer Aided Drafting, "Parametric 3D Solid Modeling" (CAD 250). Ross states, "JJC is one of the few colleges teaching this (course)."

CAD 250 gives students enough understanding to create models, assemblies, and drawings in a "project-oriented environment." It is taught using software called Pro-Engineer.

This software is used by industries such as Caterpillar, which is providing it to the college.

One more addition to the JJC curriculum is Management 110, "Teams and Tools of Quality." This course gives a better

understanding of the team skills that are needed in the work place today.

Personality types, communication skills, team meetings, peer reinforcement, and conflict resolution are emphasized. All projects and

assignments are done in assigned teams.

JJC is offering many new and promising academic opportunities, and the course additions are designed to serve the specific needs of today's student.

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Volleyball: Frustrated, still trying

By Lige Caples III

The JJC women's volleyball team is going through a frustrating season, as it tries to rebuild from last year.

At press time the team's record was 1-11, including 0-1 in the conference.

This year's squad is coached by second-year Head Coach Cindy Thomas, and Assistant Coach Maura Quinn.

There are only two returning sophomores on the team: Carrie Budd, a 5-7 setter from Manhattan, and Jamie Foxworth, a 5-8 outside hitter from Joliet West.

The rest of the team is made up of fresh members, including: Sarah Stuckey, a 5-6 outside hitter from Mazon; Liz Wantuch, a 5-10 middle hitter from Elwood; Carrie Steffes, a 5-11 middle/outside hitter from Morris; Tracy Eich, a 5-9 right side hitter from Plainfield; and Sara Rousonelos, a 5-5 right side hitter from Plainfield.

"We'll get better in time. A lot of the girls are new, and when we get it together, we'll have a sound volleyball team," Coach Thomas said.

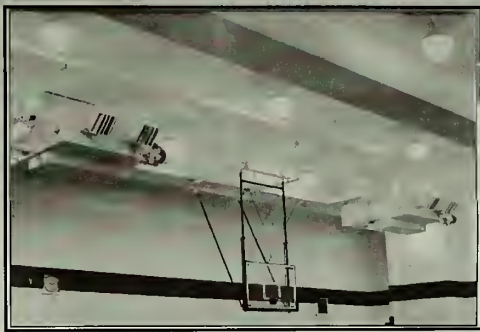


Photo by Betha Cramer

The renovation of the ceiling was just part of the makeover that took place in the JJC A.A. Wills Gymnasium this summer. Lights were also restored in the facility.

A.A. Wills Gym gets a facelift

By Roy Herman

Almost a year and a half has passed since remodeling first began at the JJC A. A. Wills gymnasium. The project started in the summer of 1996 and now has hit the final stages of its construction.

The remodeling began with the removal of old insulation on the roof and was followed by the installation of new

ceiling lights.

"We just wanted to spruce it up," said Wayne King, athletic director.

The project has been done by the maintenance staff at the college. Since the ceiling was completed, the maintenance staff has turned to repainting the floor.

"The logo is still being worked on," said King. He also

said the entire gym will be painted and new stripes will be added.

The final phase of the project will include the installation of new electronic bleachers and goals that will be able to be moved up and down. All of this will be controlled with a single button panel.

King said the project would soon be completed.

Judo Club: Another triumph

By Betha Cramer

The 1997 Am-Can International Judo Challenge gave the JJC Judo Club another big victory.

William (Bill) Lipke (yellow belt) came away with the Bronze Award (third place) in the Novice Division (white through green belts) after surviving the championship round with the first place finisher from Japan and second place winner from Canada.

Lipke was also selected from the International Pool of contestants to recite the Oath of Sportsmanship.

The Judo Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. in the gym on the main campus.

Anyone interested can contact Greg Tilos at Ext. 2293.

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JJC Cheerleader, Shannon Hartsch, shows her team spirit at the home football game against Waldorf College of Iowa.

Sports

2-0 start for Wolves football

New attitude leads to strong start

By Roy Herman

The 1997 season kicked off at JJC with a 15-13 victory over Ellsworth C.C. in Iowa, Sunday, Sept. 7. The following day the board of trustees voted in favor of keeping the program beyond the 1997 season.

Reactions from Head Coach Wayne King and Assistant Head Coach Matt Kalb were positive.

King was very pleased and responded, "I am very, very happy. We will now recruit the area heavy and drop the number of out-of-state players."

King also added that Dr. Thomas E. Gamble, JJC president, and the board clawed and scratched to keep the program because it was important for the school community.

"I am very excited," said Kalb. "We will give priority to area players first and can now relax and concentrate on the season ahead. Our goal is to put the meaning back into Community College."

The goals of the team this year are to go undefeated, win state (the key to recruiting), go to the playoffs and most importantly finish the season with a better record than last year.

"To be .500 would be our worst case scenario, but we just want to do better than last year," said Kalb.

The team has accomplished one of its goals so far by winning the first game of the year. The team had four turnovers and 12 penalties, but played well enough to win the game. "There were too many turnovers, but we are happy with a win," said King.

Jeremy Richardson, 6'2" 170 lb., tight end out of Bloomington, feels very good about the team's goals and said, "Let's go 10-0, baby." On the downside though, he said the worst part so far has been players being ineligible due to grades. But, he feels that has made the team pull together more and work even harder.

The coaches feel the attitude of this year's team has been looser than last year's and that there has been a respect factor from both the players and coaches. Although the players respected last year's coach John Rossetti, the players have come to like the new staff even better.

"Rossetti was more of an

"Our goal is to put the meaning back into Community College."

—Matt Kalb, assistant head coach, discussing recruiting.

offensive-minded coach, but Kalb is more of an all around guy," said Richardson. Kalb, like Rossetti, stresses conditioning and hard work, but doesn't preach it because he already expects it from his players.

One key outstanding returning player is Tony Jiannuzzi, a 6'3" 249 lb. tight end out of Springfield/Maumee, Ohio. Jiannuzzi who is called a "big time player" by Coach Kalb, is being recruited in the Big Ten, with Illinois hot on his heels. "Jiannuzzi should play a key role in the passing game," said Kalb.

Other key people are defensive back T.J. Watkins, wide receiver Javar Holman, quarterbacks Trane Nelson and Eric Patnoudes, and linebackers Matt Orwig and Tim Mercer, to name a few.

Watkins was described as a key to the defense by Matt Kalb, and Orwig and Mercer were called a great tandem. Patnoudes and Nelson will both alternate as quarterback to give opposing defenses different looks.

King said he will not coach football past this season. "There will be a full-time coach next year, along with another full time person hired to assist the head coach," said King. King's duties now include Athletic Director, head baseball coach, and just recently football coach. "There needs to be two full time people because the job is a big responsibility," said King.

King also hopes within two years to have bleachers set up to play here on campus.

"There's nothing wrong with Joliet Memorial Stadium, but it's just too big," said King. "When you have 4,000 people sitting in the stands, it doesn't seem like anybody is there."

King feels playing on campus would help eliminate the look of having a small crowd, and give the Wolves more of a home-field advantage.



Coaching Assistant Terrence Tetter and Trainer Kendall Swick tend to free safety Jimmy Martin during the Sept. 13 game at Joliet Memorial Stadium.

Assembly helps draw record crowd for game

By Betha Cramer

Was it the great weather, faithful fans or a combination of both that brought a larger than normal crowd to Joliet Memorial Stadium on Sept. 13 to watch the JJC Wolves football team? Some say it was the pep rally held the Thursday before the game.

The rally was sponsored by the Team Building Committee in cooperation with Mainstreet. Pattie Fine, director of Student Services and Activities stated,

"There is no doubt in my mind that the pep rally contributed to the larger crowd." Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Wayne King said, "(It was) great exposure for the team and I really appreciate everyone's time and effort."

Random students asked if they were going to the football game they often answer, "WE HAVE FOOTBALL?" The fans who made it to the game enjoyed an exciting college game.

The Wolves were victorious with a 27-26 win over Waldorf College of Iowa.

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

Volleyball

Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:00 p.m.
Triton College*

Monday, Oct. 13, 6:00 p.m.
Elgin Community College

Football

Saturday, Sept. 27, 1:00 p.m.
Harper College (FB)*

*Conference games

By Betha Cramer

Sports wire

Football

Home games: Saturday, Sept. 27. JJC vs. Harper College. Kickoff at 1 p.m. All home games are played at the Joliet Memorial Stadium on West Jefferson Street.

Volleyball

Home games: Sept. 25 with Triton College 6 p.m. Oct. 13 with Elgin C.C. 6 p.m. All home games are played at the A.A. Wills Gym at the Main Campus.

Fitness Center

Market Day is back for the Fitness Center. Profits generated from this sale will be used to purchase equipment for the center. Order forms will be available at the Fitness Center counter and must be returned by Oct. 10. The Center is offering to share their profits with interested Student Government Clubs. Interested club presidents should contact John Peterson, fitness center director, at ext. 2257.

NO OPEN GYM THIS YEAR

Campus officer injured during arrest

By Liz Vivanco

A campus police officer was injured on Monday, Oct. 6, when a scuffle broke out when she and other officers were arresting a student suspected of stealing food from the Main Campus cafeteria.

Sgt. Geni Farrington sustained a Level III concussion when she was thrown against the wall during the arrest. She was taken to St. Joseph Medical Center and was admitted. She was released Friday, Oct. 10, after four days of tests.

Gregory Ingram, 18, of Belwood, Ill., was arrested in connection with the incident. He was also found to be wanted for a warrant from the Cook County Sheriff's Department on another charge, according to Campus Police Chief Gerald Zeborowski.

Officers responded to a call from the cafeteria around 5 p.m., Oct. 6, when a cashier reported seeing a student leaving with unpaid merchandise.

Ingram was seen taking two sandwiches to the entrance and leaving them atop a tray, Zeborowski said. He then paid for a glass of water and went around to pick up the

sandwiches, according to JoAnn Sulaica, cashier. She proceeded to follow him up the stairs. She caught up with him near the bridge and asked him to return to the cafeteria to pay for the food he was carrying. "I was hoping he'd offer to pay for the sandwiches," Sulaica said.

Ingram insisted he had paid for them.

"It's an unfortunate situation for the amount of money involved," Zeborowski said. "It could have been avoided had the individual complied with the instructions of the officers."

"[The incident] could have been resolved without physical violence. It was his choice, not ours."

Campus police arrived and approached Ingram, asking if he had paid for the food. He could not produce a receipt for the merchandise, and Sulaica, the only cashier on duty, said all he had paid for was a glass of water. That was enough evidence to detain Ingram, Zeborowski said.

Ingram refused to comply with the instructions given by the officers and he became both



A JJC employee saw the retail theft suspect leaving the Main Campus cafeteria on Monday, Oct. 6.

Photo by Matt Furlane

verbally and physically abusive, according to Zeborowski. A scuffle broke out when the officers said they were going to handcuff him, Sulaica said.

When Ingram was placed under arrest, his attitude became worse, Zeborowski said.

Farrington said she does not quite recall the incident, and she thought the individual had

hit her. Her fellow officers informed her that Ingram pushed her forcefully.

"I was told that I ended up falling backwards and cracked my head on the floor," Farrington said.

It took three officers to take Ingram into custody. He was booked and detained in the Will County Jail. He will be

transferred to the Cook County Sheriff's Department, said Zeborowski. After his case is dealt with there, he will be transferred back to Will County to face charges.

Farrington said it would be a while before she gets back to work, but that she would return. "I'm glad he's in custody," she said, referring to the suspect

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Fall enrollment increases set records

By Carole Sharwarko

The 1997 Joliet Junior College fall enrollment set several records, according to the college's Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

This year, like the prior three, saw a new high in the number of full-time students enrolled, reaching 3,521. Also, all students enrolled are taking a total of 84,081 credit hours, the highest in JJC history, passing the previous high of 84,018.5

in 1982.

The total number of students in attendance this fall, 10,647, is the third highest in the college's 96 years in business. This year's head count was topped only in 1981 and 1982 when the college had an agreement with the Illinois Department of Corrections to offer credit classes at area prisons.

George Maniates, dean of Enrollment Management, attributes the rise in enrollment

to not only population growth in the local communities, but also more aggressive, widespread recruiting in area high schools and with adults.

"We're creating a more intensified blitz of local high school recruiting," Maniates said.

Maniates also stated that although there hasn't been an increase of staff members, the current staff has been reorganized to better suit the needs of a higher enrollment

Also interesting is the number of 1997 high school graduates from the area who decided to attend JJC this year. The numbers rose this year from Lincoln-Way (+27%), Lockport (+24%), Mironka (+18%), Joliet Catholic Academy (+7%), Bolingbrook (+2%), and Joliet West (+1%). From individual towns, numbers rose from Plainfield (+15%), Lockport (+7%), Bolingbrook (+2%), and New Lenox (+2%).

Counseling adds Saturday a.m. hours

By Matt Furlane

The Counseling Services Department has extended its current hours to address the needs of the Saturday student population, according to Dr. Carolyn Engers, registrar.

The department will now have a counselor on duty on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Room J1037.

The new hours started Saturday, Oct. 11, with appointments on the hour and

walk-ins on the half hour.

Counselors assist with a number of areas, including personal concerns, self-awareness, vocational education and other needs.

"We're looking for faster, more efficient ways to serve the students," Engers said. She encourages students to plan early, whether full or part-time. Providing these extra hours will allow students to have better

access to the counselors.

A part-time counselor was hired specifically for Saturday. However, the counselor will alternate with the full-time counselors, according to Engers.

Traditionally, counselors served students and prospective students throughout the academic year when the college was in session, except on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Counseling Services Department motto is "People Helping People," and that means being available for students.

"Hopefully we will be able to reach a population we haven't reached at all," said Engers.

To make an appointment, call the Counseling Office at (815) 729-9020 ext. 2337. For North Campus, call (815) 886-3000 or (708) 759-8852.

Martha Stewart turning back the clock for women

These days, women are taking on the roles in society that they have been striving to get for centuries. I was appalled to see the decline of the modern woman when I picked up a copy of my mom's *Martha Stewart Living* magazine. Stewart and her magazine is everything a woman of any age should avoid. Her appeal to middle and upper-class housewives puts her ideals in a wonderful position for criticism. Stewart's multi-million dollar empire has proven to evoke "bad things" among a society growing towards equality. The magazine and its message seems to set women back instead of lead them into the next century. I am not a feminist, but Stewart's example is making a mockery out of women, especially hard working ones.



Period Point Blank

By Erica Gallagher

How many women have the means at hand to plant a tree for every person in her family? Next, how many women have the time or money to prepare a day of pampering themselves with a rose

petal bath and aroma therapy? Most working people today have about enough time to take a quick shower. The ideas Stewart comes up with are ideal, but unrealistic. I think she is creating a five dollar fantasy with every issue she dreams up. She bluntly states that a woman's place is in the home and that women are dainty and artsy little creatures. Well, I for one happen to think of women as something more.

Martha Stewart Living seems more like sudden death. First, amidst the bombardment of ads, Stewart opens with a letter to her readers every issue. This time, she colorfully explains the importance of forest preservation. "What makes your home more beautiful, adds oxygen to the air and even increases your property value?" Gee, Martha, what? "A tree of course!" I think her goal is self-serving more than earth conscience. Next, she has an October calendar with her very own agenda.

Every Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. you'll be happy to know she's on CBS *This Morning*. I wonder if that subtle plug was anything but planned. As for the other twenty-seven days, it looks like she'll be gardening, cooking, cleaning and setting her clocks back, literally.

Stewart encourages her female readers to explore the advantages of bamboo furniture, celebrate the wonder of oyster barbecuing and find the joy of collecting rare 19th century photos. As I skimmed through the magazine I noticed an overuse of words like "fantastical," "lovely" and "wonderful." The overtones of satire and irony flood this seemingly well-constructed publication. I also couldn't help but discover the time-consuming and expensive crafts she suggests her reader try out. Some of these ideas were our right ridiculous. Only a well-off housebody could spare the money and effort that it would entail to create the entrees, crafts and

decorations she and her staff come up with.

Sadly, men and children were of little mention, so I can draw a few conclusions from this negligence. The men of "Martha Stewart" households would be out in the real world making money to run the perfect home. How else would the little lady be able to afford the cute odds and ends to make the perfect home? What about the children? Of course they would be minded by the nanny while mommy carves jack-o-lanterns out of turnips and decides which color scheme to use in the remodeled breakfast room.

I have determined that Stewart's magazine, K-mart line, custom paint, TV slot and other self-serving institution are a joke. I have little use for her ideals and I have no regard for Stewart as a woman. I think she has made a fool out of the modern working mother, the young aspiring career woman and all other females I hope that a man would respect a real woman who pulls her own weight more than one who puts hers on him. *Living* says a lot about what is wrong in American culture. I suggest you spend the \$5 on this magazine and have yourself a good laugh.

Editorial

Conference provides a parenting lesson

Thirteen members of JJC's Latinos Unidos Club attended the 15th Annual United States Leadership Conference the weekend of Oct. 10-12 at the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago, and returned home with a valuable lesson about parenting and education.

A number of distinguished Hispanic leaders gave presentations at the conference. One of the forums held at the conference was titled "Changes in Education: the impact on Latinos." The need for increased Latino parental involvement in their children's education was stressed. This issue can be broadened to include all races and socioeconomic statuses.

"Only education can prepare our children for the future," said Nancy Velázquez, member of the National Education Association Board of Directors and presenter at the forum. She said the best way to provide a better future for children is to become involved in their education.

Parents and other family members who are active in children's education, by expressing their interest, promote the importance of having a good education. Children, upon seeing that people are concerned about their schoolwork, will invest more time and effort to make others feel proud.

If parents and family do not get involved in their children's education, the children will fill the void by establishing a familial relationship with another group. This group may be positive, such as a mentoring organization, or negative, such as a gang or a cult. Therefore, parents must take education seriously, support their children and reinforce values.

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Culinary Team represents region at Knowledge Bowl

By Wayne Popelka

The sixth Culinary Knowledge Bowl was held in Atlanta at the National Convention of the American Culinary Federation on July 26. Joliet Junior College's Culinary Team represented the region in its fourth year of competition.

Frederick N. Ferrara, coach of JJC's team and AFC National chairman for the Culinary Knowledge Bowl, recently described the competition as a "brain bowl for culinary students."

Ferrara also explained how contestants prepared for the competition. "The students each studied a different section of the Culinary Arts for competition." The sections are divided into meats and vegetables, pastries, garnishes,

and general knowledge.

Ferrara cited the team's strengths to be cross-training in each other's section and also the team's "camaraderie," the team's only weakness being timing.

"We're trying to get a buzzer system like one used at the competition, so that we may practice hitting the buzzer more precisely. That's one of the things that has hurt us," he said.

Looking ahead, the team has its sights set on the regional competition, held this year in Chicago, and hopes to defend its title once again at the Nationals, to be held in Anaheim, Calif. Also, the team would like to hold a Culinary Convention at JJC in January.

"We'd have students in from all over the country, and one of

the things we're looking to put on the agenda would be a Culinary Knowledge Bowl on a more informal scale," said Ferrara.

The team will be holding a pancake breakfast on Nov. 1 and will also be selling chocolate Easter eggs in the spring to help pay for traveling expenses.

"Just like the other organizations, we are self-supporting. And the fact that our competitions are out of the area makes fundraising especially hard because we don't have our own audience," he said.

Ferrara said the support that students and staff have contributed and, hopefully, will continue to contribute is greatly appreciated.

Transfer activities set for October

By Scott Larson

Recruiters from both public and private four-year institutions will take part in two college fairs this month.

The public college fair will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. More than 125 colleges and universities are scheduled to participate.

In order to inform students about private four-year colleges, the Transfer Center will conduct a college fair on Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the C and D Mall.

Applications and information about financial aid, housing, and other topics will be available for 33 private colleges and universities in Illinois.

The college fair is the first activity planned for Transfer

Week, which begins on Oct. 27. On Tuesday, Oct. 28, the Transfer Center is holding an open house from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

A workshop on financial aid and the transfer process will be offered at 10 a.m. on Oct. 29. Information about four-year universities will be available on the bridge all day on Oct. 31.

The activities during Transfer Week are free of charge and all students are encouraged to participate.

The Transfer Center is located in J3036, and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Available to all students is an internet equipped computer lab to assist with career exploration and transfer information. Also, mentoring programs are available for students, including

Operation Success and the Athletic Students Program.

All students are encouraged to use the Transfer Center, which provides valuable information and advice about colleges and universities.

Orlando Lewis, transfer specialist, recommends that students pay close attention to the application process and currently follow procedures because applying is one of the most important steps for entering a new college.

In addition to Transfer Week, the Transfer Center hosts regular college representatives on the bridge.

Information about these visits and other programs is available in monthly calendars, which students may pick up in the Transfer Center.

By Emily Capps

ART EXPO

An art expo, called Millennial Mythos Artists, is being held through Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Laura A. Sprague Art Gallery.

BUFFET

Culinary Arts will be having a buffet in Dining Rooms J3004, J3006, and J3007 on Thursday, Oct. 30.

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

JJC will be participating in the Community Health Fair on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Louis Joliet Mall. Included in the fair will be wellness screenings, healthy lifestyle interactive booths, and mass stage events. Blood sugar, cholesterol and lung capacity screenings will be available. Also included will be a car seat safety and exercise demonstration. Volunteers are needed to help at booths. If interested, call Pam Dillard at ext. 2202.

CULINARY ARTS STUDENT

COMPETITION TEAMS

The Culinary Arts Student Competition team will be having an All-you-can-eat Fall Pancake Breakfast on Nov. 1 from 8 to 11 a.m. This will help offset the expenses of the Hot Foods and Knowledge Bowl teams for upcoming regional competitions. The event will take place in J-building.

HAUNTED HOUSE

The Manufacturing and Automated Systems Club will be having a Haunted House fundraiser on Oct. 24 and 25 in C1008. Teachers will be "electrocuted." Come try your favorite instructor. All faculty, students, and their families are invited. Children must be at least 13 years old unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The cost is \$3 per person, \$5 per couple, and \$8 for a family of four.

HOLISTIC WELLNESS

The Holistic Wellness Club will be having a Healthy Habits for Everyone Theater Production on Oct. 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The presentation will be by Kaleidoscope Theater and is open to all staff, students and the community. The cost is \$1 per person. The Holistic Wellness Club is also having "Agency Spotlights" on Oct. 22. Representatives from various social service agencies will be available. This will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the bridge.

Club Notes

FALL BASIL '97

Latinos Unidos will sponsor a charity dance on Friday, Oct. 17, from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the cafeteria. DJ Rick "Rip on Up" Alvarez will perform. Bring a canned food or a \$2 donation.

PARAPSYCHOLOGY CLUB

Amonio Carrio will present a lecture on "Capoeira." Capoeira is a Brazilian martial art. The event will have unusual musical instruments, the Portuguese language, unique movements done within a circle and practitioners who appear to defy gravity. This will take place on Friday, Oct. 17, in D2001.

PII THETA KAPPA

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a Dan's Candy Apple Sale on Wednesday, Oct. 29, and Thursday, Oct. 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the D-Mall and the first floor of J-building. This is an annual scholarship fundraiser.

RECRUITERS

The following recruiters will be on the bridge: Devry, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

UPS Employment Recruitment, Oct. 15 and 28.

St. Xavier University, Oct. 16, from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

College of St. Francis, Oct. 20 and Nov. 4.

Marquette University, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

University of Illinois, Chicago, Oct. 29.

Chicago State University: Oct. 30.

Northern Illinois University: Nov. 3.

Governors State University: Nov. 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ROSES FOR SALE

Sweetest Day Roses will be on sale on the bridge from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 16 and 17. Orders will be ready for pickup on both days. Deliveries are an option on the 16th from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on the 17th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (There are some restrictions on the time and a place for delivery.) There is a \$10 charge for off-campus delivery.

VETERAN'S DAY TRIP

The History Club will commemorate Veteran's Day with a free field trip to the Cantigny/1st Division Military History Museum in Wheaton on Saturday, Nov. 8. The group will leave at 11 a.m. and return by 5 p.m. Seating is limited, so please contact Dave Thompson, J4036, ext. 6734, from 2-7 p.m., as soon as possible.

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All little babies want lullabies

Blanket Warm Lullaby for the Working Class

By Jason Braasch

Lullaby for the Working Class is a very mellow pop band that uses its musical knowledge to create a dreamlike sound to soothe the listener. The singer/guitarist, Ted Stevens, is accompanied by a wide array of instruments, including a banjo, a glockenspiel, violins, truncheons, and a mandolin.

The banjos and mandolins give the songs a country flavor. Violins are thrown into the mix to add extra dynamics and soul to the album. LFTWC, finally, creates a tranquilizing sound through use of a glockenspiel and muffled trumpets.

When first purchasing *Blinket Warm*, I had my doubts on the lyrical context and the singer's vocal variety. Ted Stevens' voice did not excite me at first, but the melodies of the songs stick in your head for days. The album flows smoothly from song to song with a wide variety of vocal tone and dynamics ranging from a whisper to a yell.

Lullaby for the Working Class displays a lot of musical talent and can write very catchy songs.

Although a little too mellow for my taste, they can definitely branch out to a bigger crossover group with more distribution to the mainstream musical consumers.

Dig Me Out

Sleater-Kinney

By Erica Gallagher

Sleater-Kinney's third and

incidentally, best album, *Dig Me Out*, displays "Girl Power" with even more intensity than the Spice Girls and far more tact.

The pop-punk trio out of the post-grunge scene in Olympia, Wash. is composed of— who else— all girls! Perhaps the most impressive asset about Sleater-Kinney is how it broke out of the Courtney Love-esque "riot grrrl" category that female rock musicians have been placed under by critics and audiences lately.

Corn Tucker, lead guitar and vocalist, has a piercing and sometimes monotonous voice, remnant of Belinda Carlisle, of the '80s favorite, Go Go's. Tucker, although not blessed with a soothing voice, pulls the shaky vibrato rather well.

Pop-punk trio proves worth as all-girl band.

In addition, her guitar playing counterpart and prior lover, Carrie Brownstein, chimes in on choruses and lead vocals on some tracks. Brownstein smooths over Tucker's vocals in just the right places to make for an ideal, yet very punk album.

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Brian Stanley and Jennifer Weber act out a scene in *The Misanthrope*, which ran from Oct. 9 - Oct. 12 at the Fine Arts Theater. The play was directed by Dr. Zachary Blomfield.

*Dum, all the little babies go nigh
ah I want some."*

The heart-felt songwriters plunge into even the souls of people who would be hesitant to relate to the meanings behind the lyrics. *Due Mine Hour* is about a girl-girl breakup, but expressed with enough sophistication to have even a homophobic feel sympathetic.

Sleater-Kinney is a humble musicianship on an independent record label, Kill Rock Stars. They write their own lyrics, play their own instruments and probably help set up their own equipment at shows. This album

"Dum Dum Ditty
Ditty Dum Dum
Dum Dum Dum
Dum"

-lyrics from *Little Bubbles*

is one which can be played over and over without numbing the senses.

Brownstein jokingly told Amy RaNae Wilson on an S-K home page, "World domination is what I want for Sleater-Kinney." With all seriousness, "You go girls."

Informal student survey

ATM stands at top of student wish list

By Betha Cramer

It was October of 1995 when *Blazer* writer Olivia Young surveyed students at JJC about an ATM being installed on campus. Of the 1,198 students answering the survey, 662 said they carried ATM cards. Out of the remaining students who didn't carry one, 271 of them planned to get one.

In March 1996, *Blazer* writer Steve Hicks asked what JJC students thought we needed. An ATM was again a frequent answer. A bridge between J and T buildings, from an elaborate monorail to a simple wood bridge over the creek, was requested. Internet and e-mail for all students, a McDonald's in the cafeteria area, student housing, a recreation area to play pool and arcade games and a computer lab open all day for all students were among the most popular requests. So what did we get?

There is still no ATM. Rhonda Carlson of the Cross Cultural Programming Board, the Student Alliance, and Patrice Fine, director of Students Services and Activities are researching the feasibility of an ATM. They are looking for the best location and cost involvement.

Don't look for the bridge any day soon. A bridge,

including engineering, architects and construction, is costly. However, the Building and Grounds Department is investigating the possibility of a bridge between J and T buildings. A simple walk bridge across the creek would cost well over a million dollars, according to Jo Stworzyjanek of the Student Services and Activities Office.

e-mail are available to students taking CIS 116 or 000. Due to the increase in enrollment, the computer labs are filled to capacity. Open lab times do not guarantee anyone a computer because of the heavy volume of students using the lab.

As for the arcade games and pool tables, a new student center is in the planning. The money has been allocated and construction should start any day now, with completion set for April 1998. It will be located in D-building where the carpeted steps are not. There will be no arcade games or pool table. Current plans are for a television, a stage and possibly food.

So what do 97/98 students want at JJC? Kyle Sing would like the Two Absence Rule in the Academic Skills Center removed. Sing doesn't want an ATM, because he'll just spend more money he doesn't have.

Dan Gutierrez thinks the bridge needs more clocks. He gave a thumbs-up to the ATM. "I don't have time to get to the bank," he said.

Marisa Cervantes wants the ATM and lower prices in the cafeteria. She said, "The prices are out of control."

Scot Martin doesn't want a McDonald's, but wouldn't mind a Subway.

Other things mentioned were: more parking, no 8 a.m. classes, color guard for all events, a closed circuit radio station and new football uniforms. One student suggested that karaoke be in the cafeteria, and not on the bridge "so it can be a more humiliating public experience."

So what do you want? Drop a note to the *Blazer* and let us know what the students really want at JJC. It doesn't hurt to dream!



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JJC Campus Police reported the following incidents for the weeks of Sept. 21-Oct. 4:

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

- ◆ two hit-and-run accidents in Lot No. 3, Sept. 24 and 29.
- ◆ a hit-and-run accident in T-parking lot, Sept. 24.
- ◆ an accident at the intersection of Exit Road and College Drive, Oct. 2.
- ◆ two-vehicle accident in J-student parking, Oct. 3.

THEFT

- ◆ a student reported her purse stolen from the bridge area, Sept. 22.
- ◆ a student reported the theft of a backpack containing books and supplies on the bridge, Sept. 24.
- ◆ a student reported the theft of a stool box from his classroom in T-building, Sept. 30.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

- ◆ a lock on a college storage area was cut and the door was damaged, Sept. 24. No items were reported stolen.
- ◆ a student reported that his car was keyed while he was in class, Sept. 7. The vehicle was parked in T-parking lot.

WARRANT ARREST

- ◆ the driver of a vehicle stopped for a traffic violation was wanted on a warrant from another agency, Sept. 23. The driver was released after posting bond.

MEDICAL ASSIST

- ◆ officers assisted an ill student in C-building, Sept. 24.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

- ◆ car stereo equipment was removed from a vehicle parked in Lot No. 4, Sept. 24.

ANIMAL COMPLAINT

- ◆ officers investigated a complaint of an animal that was left in a vehicle, Sept. 24. Animal control was notified and the animal was removed from the vehicle.

BATTERY

- ◆ a student reported being struck by another student, Sept. 25. This incident was referred for disciplinary action as a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

VEHICLE FIRE

- ◆ officers responded to a report of a vehicle on fire in T-parking lot, Oct. 1. The JJC Fire Department extinguished the fire. The cause of the fire is

Parking squeeze hits JuCo

By Matt Furlane and Brent Rowader

As enrollment rises, so may the need to take a course in stock car racing for students who want to survive the bump and grind of traffic encountered while driving to and from classes.

"Traffic is out of hand. It took me 15 minutes one day just to get out. I don't think [the administration] planned for this many students," said first-year student Jon Clark.

Data obtained from Campus Police Sgt. Geri Farrington seems to coincide with student anxiety. Auto accidents have increased 89 percent over the last six years from 38 to 72 per school year. The number of hit-and-runs has doubled from 9 to 18 per year over the same time period.

The data included all JJC campuses, with the majority of accidents occurring on Main Campus between Monday and Wednesday. Students involved in accidents off-campus were not included. So far this semester, there has been an average of about three accidents per week.

With limited space at the intersections and in the parking lots, higher enrollment may be contributing to the increase in accidents. According to data received from the Admissions Office, enrollment is up 10 percent since 1990, rising from 9,645 to 10,647 students.

This semester's attendance is at a record level. "Fall 1997 is our largest class since 1982," said George Maniates, dean of



Even on lighter traffic days, people wait to exit 1-80.

Photo by Matt Furlane

Enrollment Management. He also indicated that spring enrollment will be higher than this fall semester.

A direct correlation between auto accidents and enrollment cannot be proven. Other factors like traffic density, intersection design and driving habits may contribute significantly.

"I believe the number of accidents is directly related to high traffic volume and speed. The speeding [this year] both coming and going is the fastest we have ever noticed," said Campus Police Chief Gerald Zeborowski.

"Traffic volume is phenomenal. From 7:30 to 8 a.m., we receive between 12 and 14 hundred vehicles. [On Sept. 22], we recorded traffic volume from that morning to the following Tuesday afternoon: it reached 17,000 vehicles. (they) were starting to affect Interstate 80," he said.

Zeborowski is correct in saying that I-80 is being affected. Students have reported accidents and traffic backed up all the way onto the highway. Traffic has decreased since the beginning of the semester due to student drops,

course changes and carpooling, but problems still remain.

The issue has been brought to the attention of the administration and a couple of ideas are being considered that might alleviate traffic congestion.

Zeborowski said, "We are going to look into a two-fold approach. First we are going to try to get some employees to start work at 7:30 a.m. Right now the majority of workers start at eight. Second, we are going to look into offering more classes earlier [in the morning] in order to stretch out the number of students coming in at the same time period every morning."

He also mentioned that students should be aware that campus speed limits are enforced and tickets issued by Campus Police are in accordance with Chapter 625 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Sections 5/11-100 through 5/12-611.

Which means, unlike parking violations, speeding tickets cost more and can be applied directly to a student's driving record if they are found guilty.

Campus prairie trails undergo restoration

By Kelly Shanahan

The 120 acres of forest and prairie trails at JJC are undergoing a make-over.

The make-over, known as JJC's Ecological Restoration Project, is aimed at restoring the campus' natural areas. By clearing non-native vegetation and reintroducing native species, the project's goal is to get the area back to its native look.

"The objective of the restoration project is to reintroduce native plants to the area with the intention that they will grow naturally and that native animals will return," said Andy Neill, overseer of the project.

The restoration project was introduced in February of 1993 by Andy Neill and Dr. William Zales of the Science Department. So far the project's main focus has been on a five-acre area just outside of G-building.

With nearly 1,000 hours of time put in by volunteers, progress to the area is evident.

"Progress is more than just buildings. Changes like this take decades, possibly hundreds of years," said Neill.

The restoration project is always looking for volunteers to assist in preserving the natural habitat. Volunteers would assist in the project by cutting and clearing out non-native vegetation, collecting seeds and planting native plants.

A cut and clear was held Sept. 12. "The turnout for it was real good. We had 16 very enthusiastic volunteers who devoted two hours of their time," said Neill. The next cut and clear is scheduled for Oct. 18 from 9-11 a.m. Interested students should contact either Andy Neill or Dr. William Zales at 729-9020, ext. 2632 or 2274, or stop by E1047.

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New VP for Student Services envisions changes

By Eva Schultz

Dr. Alan G. Hardersen, the new vice president for Student Services at Joliet Junior College, has already formulated a policy for his first semester here.

"First and foremost, I want to do as little harm as possible during the first few months," he says with a smile.

Hardersen is an Illinois native, born in Princeton and raised in the Dixon area. He began his college education at Sauk Valley Community College. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in sociology from Augustana College. He then attended Northern Illinois University, where he earned a master's degree in community mental health and a doctorate in adult continuing education.

Hardersen spent 9 1/2 years as dean of Student Services at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake. He then worked for thirteen years at Sauk Valley as Director of Admissions, Records, Counseling, and Placement.

"I enjoyed working with the faculty, trying to provide good services to students," Hardersen said.

His responsibilities at JJC

will be similar to those which he carried out in his previous positions.

"There is a broader scope of responsibilities here and a greater enrollment," he explained. "My primary goal is to provide the best services for students."

Hardersen's position requires him to coordinate the efforts of various student services. Financial Aid, Admissions, Records, Counseling, and Career Development all fall under his direction.

"Students may not see what I do directly," Hardersen said, "but they will be impacted by what I do. I will work to improve services."

One of Hardersen's specific improvement goals is to extend more services to JJC's City Center and North Campus.

"We want to broaden the services provided," Hardersen said. Specifically, he wishes to make counseling, financial aid, advising, and activities available to the satellite campuses.

Another program which Hardersen would like to see operational is Distance Learning Capability. This program, which uses interactive TV monitors,



Dr. Alan G. Hardersen, vice president for Student Services

Photo by Matt Furlow

would allow a student at a satellite campus to experience a financial aid or counseling meeting at Main Campus without having to commute.

"It's cost effective," Hardersen said. "We have the equipment. We just have to get it up and running."

Hardersen is excited about plans to install a new student service area in the C concourse

of Main Campus. Scheduled to begin construction later in the fall semester, this project will not only move the Transfer Center, which is currently located on the third floor of J building, but will also provide career advising, a student activity and wellness center and a student lounge.

"We hope to complete the project by April 1998,"

Hardersen said. "The lounge will be a good place for the students to perform and hold programs."

Hardersen and his wife Shirley have three sons. The oldest recently graduated from NIU with a bachelor's degree, and the second is attending Waubesa Community College. The youngest is a junior at Batavia High School.

Culinary Arts organizes fundraising gourmet dinner

By Erica Gallagher

The Classical 100 Gourmet Dinner is an annual event organized by the Culinary Arts Department. The students of culinary arts, hotel management and nutrition help prepare the details of an elegant dinner for invited guests. This year marks the 24th anniversary and is expected to have a large turnout.

"I'm excited about it because this is my first year participating," said Jodi Kennedy, freshman chef.

The dinner requires a great amount of hard work on everyone's behalf. Preparing a fancy dinner for a large group of people demands a lot of dedication from everyone involved. Janet Lukas is in charge of all of the paperwork and bookkeeping, which turns out to be a very important and time consuming job. Lukas has been a part of the Classical 100 for all of its 24 years.

The former Director of Food Services, Charlie Kern, originally had the idea of an elegant dinner for 100 guests. At first, everyone laughed at the idea," she said.

Under Kern, and now Patrick Hegarty, the idea has become a reality and it's been successful since 1975. Hegarty is the Chairman of Culinary Arts Program and the Director of Food Services.

"The Classical 100 is a worthwhile event to attend," said Hegarty. According to him, the dinner costs \$125 per plate, and eight to 10 culinary arts students will receive \$550 scholarships from the proceeds.

The students fully participate in the dinner, whether they help design the menu, serve the tables or prepare the food.

"Last year I helped with the Classical 100 and one of the nice things about it is seeing the guests enjoying the food," said Christopher Scott, sophomore chef.

Because the students have so much involvement in this dinner, it gives them a chance to bring their professional skills to life.

The attendees, according to Lukas, are board and administration members, parents of the students, staff, and regular student supporters who attend every year.

"Once in a while there will be new people who come and support the students," said Lukas. She relates that continued support from the school and community has helped the event become increasingly successful.

Bonnie Aten, head steward and part-time instructor, like Lukas, is a big part of the organizational process of the dinner. Aten calls herself a

"jack-of-all trades" and helps with the service and maître d' work mandatory for a well-run night.

"The Classical 100 is a lot of work and it's also a nice event for students to really show off

their abilities," said Aten.

The Classical 100 will be held Friday, Oct. 24, at Main Campus. There will be a Champagne Reception at 7 p.m. and the dinner will begin at 7:30.

The menu, designed by the winners of a competition, will include fine entrees including swordfish, filet mignon and lobster tail, as well as exceptional vegetables and desserts.

Former dean of Career Education

Former JJC dean discusses new role as VP

By Scott Owens

JD Ross, with more than two decades of experience as a JJC administrator, is currently presiding as the college's vice president for Academic Services.

Located in the Administrative Offices of the J-building, Ross sees a large volume of work come across his desk. The workload and the "impact of technology on the college" are his chief concerns.

As reported in the last issue of the *Blazer*, Ross assumed his new role July 1. Being new to this position is another main challenge Ross must encounter.

"People can be believed to be honest, trustworthy, and professional, until they have proved not to be."

--J.D. Ross

Certain personal skills of this new vice-president have helped to ease the transition, however. Ross relies on his ability to get

along with different types of people. He maintains the viewpoint: "People can be believed to be honest, trustworthy, and professional, until they have proved not to be." Ross also believes in only asking people to do tasks he would feel comfortable doing.

Assuring quality and providing services to students in the most convenient ways are the main goals for Ross at JJC. "The college will always have goals, no matter how improved it becomes," stated Ross. "Continued improvement in teaching and learning will always be stressed."

For nearly a quarter of a century at this college, Ross has seen a significant turnover of the faculty resulting from retirements. He also states the college has expanded its locations where classes are offered and increased its technological resources during his tenure here.

From early in his life in Moline, Ross' mother had always promoted the importance of education. He considered a cousin to be a role



J.D. Ross, vice president for Academic Services, works in his computer in his office, located in J-building.

Photo by Motti Carlson

model for being the first member of the family to graduate from college.

Ross described the uncle of a childhood friend as another role model in his life. He admired this man for being the first African American State Trooper in Illinois. At the time,

Ross was planning on pursuing a law enforcement career of his own, but around his sophomore year of college, he decided to major in the education field.

Ross advises students to set goals, be persistent in achieving these goals and to "always act with integrity."

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Conditioning takes year-round effort in football

By Roy Herman

How do the football players at JJC get and stay in shape for their football season? Matt Kalb, assistant coach, explains his theories and techniques. Kalb prepares his players in the off-season by starting them lifting weights in January three times a week. Later in the spring and summer he increases the weightlifting to four to five

days, with running included.

"I prepare their programs in the off season to get them ready," states Kalb. In the spring, Kalb watches closely and works with two to eight players at a time per session. He monitors and makes sure that the players stay focused and don't overdo it.

A typical program from Kalb

includes three cycles, with the first being low weights, high repetitions for definition. The second cycle is a mix of heavy and light weights with high and low reps. The third cycle is heavier weights with lower reps to pack on size and to bulk up.

His days in the off-season include an upper body workout on Monday, a lower body

workout on Tuesday and an off-day on Wednesday. On Thursday he goes back to upper body with Fridays being a lower body workout again.

Kalb uses the program from his days at the University of Alabama and mixes it with Michigan State's current program. He feels athletes are better conditioned today but

isn't sure if it helps decrease the risk of injury.

During the season Kalb only has his players work out two days a week to maintain their conditioning.

"Two days helps keep their definition, and any more would be overtraining with their football games," Kalb said about the maintenance program.

Wilkey making time to cheer



Sophomore cheerleader Mandy Wilkey.

Photo by Betha Cramer

Reed Custer grad back on sidelines

By Betha Cramer

Sophomore Mandy Wilkey has a very demanding schedule, but has made time for cheerleading at JJC.

After being away for a year, she decided it was time to get back into it. Her athletic build and enthusiasm make Wilkey a prime candidate for the JJC squad.

Wilkey cheered for Reed Custer High School for four years and was captain of the squad. She feels she has been cheering her whole life. Referring to cheering at JJC, she says, "It's good to get involved. You meet new people."

She speaks highly of Cheerleading Coach Pam Ehrhridge.

"Pam is a good coach and treats us all fairly," Wilkey says. Coach Ehrhridge also speaks highly of Wilkey. She says that Wilkey has a positive attitude and is willing to work as a team member.

Wilkey feels the team will do a really good job this year. "We have to come together as one," she adds.

The squad is currently cheering at home football games, but she is looking forward to their next cheering assignment at the home basketball games.

She is planning a future in elementary education and hopes to go to Illinois State next year to finish her degree.

Wilkey is not only a student and cheerleader, but she works three jobs. She safeguards in the summer, works as a teacher's assistant at the Christian Faith Day Care in Wilmington and also works as an information clerk at JJC's City Center.

"It's good to get involved. You meet new people."

--Mandy Wilkey

Wolves

WIRE

By Betha Cramer

Volleyball

Last home game: JJC vs. College of St. Francis at 7 p.m. The first round of playoffs start the week of Oct. 28. Dates and times to be posted.

Mentor - Student Football Game

Saturday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. JJC vs. Rock Valley. Mentors and guests will be recognized.

Home Game

Saturday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. JJC vs. Northern Iowa. All home games are played at Joliet Memorial Stadium on West Jefferson Street.

Parent's Day

Saturday, Nov. 1, at 1 p.m. JJC vs. Grand Rapids Community College. The parents of football players and cheerleaders will be honored.

Wanted

Women's Basketball Coach Tim Johnson is looking for women interested in playing basketball for JJC. You must be a full-time student. Contact Johnson if you are interested at (815) 729-9020 ext. 2040. Tryouts are Friday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m. in the gym.

Soccer Club

Soccer practices are held on Fridays at 6 p.m. at Joliet Central High School. Practices are on the field where the track is located.

Football spotlight

Freshmen look ahead

Are you ready for some football? Dennis Seidel and Jeremy Richardson sure are! Both are freshmen and are eager to show their stuff. Richardson was recruited at JJC and Seidel was a walk-on.

Seidel is a freshman cornerback who was just recently inserted into the starting lineup. Seidel had to prove himself to make this team and according to Seidel "nobody works harder." Dennis considers his hard work an asset to the team and feels he can play for a four-year school after JJC.

Seidel's hobbies include weight lifting and playing video games. He wants to major in sports broadcasting. Before coming to JJC, he looked at College of DuPage and he is glad he chose DuPage to be in the football program being dropped at COD.

On the team and his goals

for the year Seidel said, "We need to pull together and play hard like the first two games and hopefully make it to a bowl game."

Richardson's path to JJC was a little different because he was recruited by four-year schools. "I needed to improve my grades and didn't want to leave the state, so I came to JJC."

Richardson, a tight end out of Bloomington, is happy with his decision. He's second string right now, but that is due to Tony Jhanazzi, a sophomore being recruited in the Big Ten. He feels his role should be expanded, but accepts it because he is a team player.

Richardson is majoring in journalism/broadcasting. His hobbies include video games and working out.

Richardson looks forward to getting a shot here and then moving on to a four-year school to prove his skills.

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Asbestos discovered

By Scott Owens

Inspectors from a local asbestos management firm recently discovered asbestos on the second floor of the C-building at JJC's Main Campus. A costly and complex plan to remove the asbestos soon followed, but the problem came and went as "routine business," according to Dow Smith, Physical Plant director.

Asbestos is a fiber that when disturbed and released into the air causes serious lung disorders. Long-term exposure has been shown to cause lung cancer or asbestosis.



This sign was placed on a door in C-building.

Photo by Matt Furlane

The fiber must be airborne, however, to cause any harm. "Asbestos must be friable to be a hazard," Smith maintains. This only occurs when it is disturbed and released into the air. The asbestos recently removed was under floor tiles since original construction, so it was not easily crumbled, according to Smith.

Because of the dangers, asbestos is no longer used in buildings, but it is found among those constructed many years ago. "All campuses have it. If they were built more than several years ago," Smith stated.

The asbestos was discovered near the concourse area of the C-building. It needed to be removed by an independent company before a construction project planned for the C and D buildings could begin. All Health Department regulations were followed, and the project cost \$14,000, according to Smith.

The first step in the removal of the asbestos was to make a containment area to stop any possible spreading. "Plastic curtain walls were used to keep the fiber from spreading," Smith said.

"Once this was built, negative air pressure was needed inside the containment area," Smith continued.

The workers then put on protective equipment, and a wetting agent was used to remove the asbestos. The material was then bagged and transported to a special landfill.

This was not the first asbestos removal at JJC. Smith can recall three or four previous projects, but some of those were not as wide-spread.



Campus Police Officer Melvin Cornelius patrols the bridge to ensure students' security.

Photo by Matt Furlane

Campus Police provides more than just security

By Matt Furlane

Most colleges have some type of security and it's often no more than a person watching television behind a desk or an untrained student with a two-way radio. But at JJC it's different.

While the majority of campus officers have more than 400 hours of training and the power to arrest, all security personnel have at least 20 hours of training.

The student handbook states that JJC's certified officers have the same power as police officers in cities and sheriffs in counties. The Campus Police Department is responsible for law enforcement, security, and emergency response.

"I attended the suburban police academy in Glen Ellyn and am qualified to do things like serve warrants or write state citations for traffic violations; security are not sworn personnel and they do not have police powers," said JJC Patrolman and Evidence Technician Melvin Cornelius.

JJC had only a security department until 1981, when it was changed to a police agency and higher standards were set for officers. "Our officers learn criminal law, traffic law, self defense, and reporting work and our certified officers are qualified to work in any state agency," said Campus Police Chief Gerald Zebrowski.

Campus security is important, because with more than 10,000 students problems are bound to arise. When a student commits an offense, campus police can take a number of actions ranging from a verbal warning to immediate arrest depending on the degree of the offense and the subject's willingness to comply with officers.

"We have a unique situation here [at JJC]. If an offense is committed

we have the opportunity to put a student through our judicial affairs systems which abides by the Student Code of Conduct.

"The process is faster and frees up the criminal justice system," said Zebrowski. "Students can be fined or asked to do community service."

Students are not the only ones who may cause problems for campus police. Last month a non-student had to be forcibly arrested after failing to comply with officers' requests to pay for food. A background check revealed he had an outstanding warrant and he was transported to the Will County Jail.

There are approximately five part-time and six full-time officers currently employed in the department. Officers patrolling the campus may be in full uniform, wearing a bullet-proof vest, carrying a collapsible baton, radio, and handcuffs.

Although some colleges allow their guards to carry guns, Zebrowski stated that the administration is not in favor of such a policy and campus crime is sufficiently under control. He also stated that because of the construction of the buildings' ventilation system, officers are not allowed to use mace.

The Main Campus Police headquarters is staffed 24 hours a day and is located in Room 1013 of the G-building. The direct number is 729-7030. Crimes or emergencies on campus can be called in by dialing 2911 from any college phone or by using an emergency call box.

The City Center campus police is located in Room 423 or a Main Campus police officer can be dispatched by dialing 8-2324 or 8-2301 from any City Center phone. North Campus students may also dial 8-2234 from any campus phone.

Foreign language honor societies induct members

By Scott Larson

Sigma Delta Mu and Alpha Mu Gamma, will induct new members on Nov. 5.

Students must have a 3.0 grade point average in their target language, and a cumulative GPA of 2.75 in order to become members of either group.

Inductees for Sigma Delta Mu, the Spanish Honor Society, are Irene Barry, Jason Braasch, Christina Lee, Melissa Reavis, Angela Raskowski, Jason Smith, and Polly Yaguchi.

Inductees for Alpha Mu Gamma,

the French Honor Society, are Sam Hutton and Heather Robinson.

The induction ceremony will be conducted in both Spanish and French.

The inductees will take an oath to continue to improve their language skills and their understanding of other cultures.

Dr. Brata Atias, sponsor of both Sigma Delta Mu and Alpha Mu Gamma, invites the public to attend this ceremony. It will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theater.

There will be a small reception following the ceremony.

Female student wins judo competition

By Liz Vivanco

For the first time in four years, Judo Club had a woman enter the Tohkon (Fighting Spirit) Judo Classic Illinois Regional Contest on Oct. 4.

Bekky Steki won a bronze medal at the competition, which was the preliminary round for nationals and was held at Harper College in Palatine.

There was a total of four entries in the competition, and two of them

won medals. Steki, a yellow belt, competed in the women's Open Rank Division, which includes all ranks and is the light weight category. She fought a brown belt and black belt for the championship round.

"Bekky filled the vacuum and did very well in her debut," said Greg Titos, sensei and sponsor of the Judo Club.

Joe Viscum, also a yellow belt, earned a gold medal in the men's Novice Division, which includes

white through green belts, and is the medium weight category.

The two medal winners are now qualified for the United States Judo Incorporated Nationals at Roosevelt University on May 1 and 2.

The other two competitors that did not qualify, as well as the 12 other members, will have another chance on Dec. 6, at the Santa Shai at Marion College in Fond du Lac. "Hopefully the two that did not make it this time will make it the next

time," said Titos.

There is another female club member, but this is her first semester. "She is still jittery," he said. "If she pulls through, we will have two women competitors for this event."

If Steki qualifies at nationals, she will be able to enter the Am-Can International Challenge on May 26, according to Titos. "She has the potential to make the international level," said Titos. "She is eager to go for it."

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Celebrities don't always make the best role models

Role models have played a very important part in my life since I was a kid growing up. From School House Rock to punk rock, I have admired and worshipped many different genres of talent. I think a certain amount of admiration is healthy in all people, but just recently it dawned on me what an envious society we are, and how it can affect our lives negatively. I've also come to the understanding that I am more affected by the people I've known for my whole life than by someone's voice I've heard on the radio or someone's role I saw in the blockbuster movie.

Celebrities and high-standing figures have always caught the public's attention through means of the media, advertising and entertainment. I don't know of anyone who



Period Point Blank

By Erica Gallagher

hasn't had at least one favorite athlete, musician, politician, actor, actress, comedian or supermodel. It seems like everyday a new icon of celebrity life, they can continue to idolize them. That's the thing about idols, they can screw up, but they have no effect on their fans, or do they?

It's easy to think that the things they choose to do can impact their followers, but look at Kurt Cobain. Fans mourned for years over his death and if he could see them now he'd probably laugh because obviously he didn't want to be here anyway. See, famous people are famous because of people who give them that power and satisfaction. The people who sobbed over Cobain didn't really consider the

reality of his death. They forgot how he abused drugs and lived a lavish life on his fans' money.

I think it's really ironic how kids in elementary school wear Nirvana shirts, probably ignorant of their significance. When I see them, I want to ask them why they wear the shirt and what it means to them. I want to know if it's more than the music they are reflecting. How do they read to the avoidable death of Cobain? There must be something of substance out there for people to aspire towards besides the predictable, especially something for the younger generation.

When I look around my own environment, I notice that I, too, am guilty of praiseworthy unworthy individuals. I always try and

investigate new ideas and alternative ways of thinking, but I continuously find myself in a similar rut. It seems to me that a real good role model is almost impossible to find anymore. Instead of looking outward into the big world, it's time for people to look within their own atmosphere. Trying to relate to rock stars and celebrities who live in opposite ends of the world is ridiculous. Seeing a band play far enough away for binoculars is no good to me anymore. I now try and find people right here at home who can communicate with me one-on-one and lead me into a successful direction.

Feeling like you, as an individual, are worthwhile is something that no Oprah Winfrey, Madonna or Brad Pitt can do. Looking inward to your family and community for real role models will probably make you a more sophisticated person. Maybe instead of buying into corporate schemes like so many generations before, the next generation will realize that there is someone in the next room worth looking up to.

Editorial

Lawsuit-crazy Americans lack individual responsibility

"American society going lawsuit-crazy? Last year there were 9,300 civil law suits filed in Cook County alone, according to the Oct. 31 edition of the Fox 32 News.

Remember the 1992 lawsuit where a woman sued McDonald's for \$700,000, claiming the soup scalded by spilled coffee as she drove through the restaurant's parking lot?

Other instances of civil suits include Billie Jean Mattai, who sued Disneyland stating that her grandsons were allegedly traumatized when they saw Mickey and Minnie Mouse remove their costume heads; and prison inmate Anthony Jones, who sued the prison because it would not supply mascara for him, and it did not allow him to wear a training bra.

How far will people go to defend their constitutional rights?

"Unfortunately, we've become a society that tends to view each other not as friends and neighbors, but as potential plaintiffs and defendants," according to Bob Jones, lawsuit reform activist.

We have moved away from taking personal responsibility, and we are constantly seeking people to "blame, even for our own shortcomings.

The reasons that people file lawsuits vary, from restoration of personal dignity to money, money, money. In fact, greed may be the top reason for these objectionable claims.

For example, in 1996, Nannette Favre sat on a man's lap for nine minutes and thirty seconds during her act, singing to him. One month later, the man claimed severe injuries and asked for \$30,000 just to settle the case. When

Favre discovered that the man had a long history of pre-existing conditions, she refused to settle, and he withdrew his complaint.

Individual responsibility is slowly fading, as people look more and more to blame others and sometimes to cheat to get what they need. We should not tie up the legal system with such petty and insignificant claims, such as not having makeup in a male correctional facility. Once we realize that what we need to do to face consequences for our actions, America will not be remembered for its crazy lawsuits.

Clarification

We failed to mention that Roy Herman wrote the Football Spotlight printed in the Oct. 15 issue of the *Blazer*. We apologize for any confusion caused by this oversight.

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Letters to the Editor

Athletes' training story adds flavor to sports

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article that was written in the Oct. 15 issue of the *Blazer* located inside the sports section about how the football players at JJC get and stay in shape for their football season.

As a JJC student, I am very pleased to see an article about football and how the players get ready for the season. It takes a step away from just giving scores and highlights and adds a little flavor to the sports section.

Football is entertaining and some people don't understand the amount of hard work that each player puts in before and during the season. As was stated in the article, the players weight-train two to five times a week depending on the part of the season. The article provides a detailed explanation on the type of exercises that the players use in order to gain strength and endurance.

With the aid of Assistant Coach Matt Kalb, JJC football players get the best programs from Kalb's prior experience at the University of Alabama.

This type of article is important because it gets the reader closer to the atmosphere of a football player and allows them to realize the hard work and dedication that each athlete puts in year-round.

Nathaniel Leitz

More scores needed in sports section

Dear Editor,

The sports section of the *Blazer* gives little or no detail of any sports events happening around Joliet Junior College. The Oct. 15 edition of the *Blazer* is a perfect example of this. There was no mention made of any scores, highlights, teams' win and loss records, or personal and team statistics. Readers would like to know how the teams and players are doing, since many people do not have time to attend sports events. A sports page should keep them informed on these areas. The articles present in the Oct. 15's edition were informative, especially "Wolves Wire" by Botha Cramer, but there needs to be more. In the future, maybe extending the sports section to two pages would be adequate room to accommodate for the missing areas. Maybe even a well written and exciting sports story could make the front page. After all, a story about \$4 worth of stolen food made the cover. If all of the games, scores, and statistics could be published, it would surely increase the effectiveness of the *Blazer*'s sports page.

Chad Feigel

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Letters to the Editor

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Let Martha Stewart make her Living

Dear Editor,

Erica Gallagher's Martha Stewart article in the Oct. 15 issue of the *Blazer* angered me. The women's movement is not about specific goals and certain positions that women must attain. It is rather a search for freedom and equality, so that all women can pursue whatever makes each of them feel fulfilled and happy. If being a "happy homemaker" is what pleases Martha Stewart and she is able to make a successful career out of it, more power to her! Who are we to devalue that?

Also the *American Heritage Dictionary* defines feminists as "people who promote and support equality between the sexes." Why in the world would you not want to associate yourself with that label? I'm sure Martha Stewart is a feminist, and a hard-working woman. Just as her line of work may not match up with your confused "ideals" of a "modern" woman, I would be willing to bet, the two of your respective paychecks don't match too well either.

At this point in your life you may

find Martha Stewart ridiculous, but someday when you are on the verge of that huge promotion and the big boss is coming for dinner you may find her hints in your mother's magazine invaluable.

In brief my advice to you is this: Do what you love and what you are good at and don't criticize anyone for doing the same!

Elise Ainsworth

In 100% agreement

Dear Editor,

Glancing through the *Blazer*, an article by Erica Gallagher sparked my interest. Her writing skills are amazing. Not only did she present her ideas well but she related to her readers. I commend Ms. Gallagher for her straightforward attitude and colorful language. The phrases she used, such as "self-serving institution" and "well-off homebody," provide the reader with a demanding attitude for the attention of the article. The attention is, in my opinion, very well deserved.

Almost every woman in America is familiar with Martha Stewart's name and opinion on the ideals of what is concluded to be a role of women. This role, I believe and agree

with Ms. Gallagher, is 100% unrealistic in a typical woman's life. The hard-working women today strive to accomplish all the daily tasks of a career in which we women are competing to be equal. Added to that strain is the stress of a combination of roles such as housewife, mother, employee, wife, etc. I don't believe Martha Stewart addresses any combination of these roles in her magazine. A personal observation that I made and that wasn't really addressed in the article was that all Martha Stewart's projects and ideas were aided by a staff. Now, how many hard-working, career and family orientated, diligent women have a staff to help provide the relief and assistance needed to complete these projects so that the women can also help run and provide funds for the household?

Erica Gallagher has done an exceptional job at addressing the ideal woman Martha Stewart is conveying to the general American women. I firmly agree with everything in her article and again commend her for taking such a determined attitude in expressing her aversion for the ideal that Martha Stewart is portraying.

Cyndi Poling

Kudos to Culinary Arts coverage

Dear Editor,

I extremely enjoyed Wayne Popelka's "Culinary Team Represents Region at Knowledge Bowl" article in the Oct. 15 edition of the *Blazer* (p. 3). As a future culinary student, I like to hear about the activities and events that the school takes part in for the culinary major.

It was interesting to learn the sections that the competition is divided into, and also that the "Bowl" took place in Atlanta. I believe it would be only beneficial for the school to hold its own Culinary Convention next year and hopefully for years to come. It's a great way for our students to meet students from other culinary schools and compare knowledge. It also would give JJC as a whole an opportunity to show its talent in the Culinary Arts.

The only things I would've liked to have known were how many schools participate in the Knowledge Bowl each year and just how broad is our region? Otherwise, the article was interesting and showed just how prosperous JJC is in the culinary

arts. Articles like these give me added incentive to do well in culinary classes and make me yearn for my time in the field. Hopefully, other students and faculty will read Popelka's article and be willing to help contribute to the cause.

Peter Wicka

Parking problems

Dear Editor,

I found the "Parking Squeeze Hits JJC" story to be very informational. I've often wondered what the campus is planning to do about the rising traffic problems.

While I can see the police directing traffic and are doing their jobs, where are the police that should be giving tickets in the parking lots? Many times while I'm being followed to my car, I see cars parked in places that are not even parking spots. As far as the two hour parking spots, I see the same cars there at 3:30 p.m. that I saw at 8:30 a.m.

Speeders learn their lessons by getting ticketed. Getting away with illegal parking only encourages others to do it as well. Why should these people not get punished while the speeders get ticketed?

Michelle Ebanroth

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Club Notes

By Emily Capps

COFFEEHOUSE

A second coffeehouse will be on the bridge between 6 and 9 p.m. on Nov. 12. Vocamotion, a rockapella group, will perform and refreshments will be sold. Admission is free and poetry reading is open to the group.

BROWN BAG LECTURE

There will be a Brown Bag Lecture called "Geological and Cultural Evolution of the Lower Des Plaines River Valley" on Thursday, Nov. 6 in 10006.

ECOLOGY CLUB

Ecological restoration will take place outside and west of G-building on Nov. 7 from 3-5 p.m.

GRAPHOLOGY CLUB

On Nov. 7, Rose Matousek will present a discussion entitled "Who Wrote the Ramsey Ransom Letter?" in Room B1002 at 7 p.m.

LUNCH BUFFETS

The City Center Buffet called Brunch for Lunch will be Nov. 7. The cost is \$6. The Thanksgiving Buffet will be Nov. 19 in the Formal Dining Room from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Main Campus.

MUSIC EXAMS

The Joliet Area Music Teachers Association will have music exams in K2016 on Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PHI THETA KAPPA

Phi Theta Kappa is having their second annual food drive to benefit local AIDS ministries. Non-perishable or canned food items will be accepted on Nov. 17, 18, and 19 at City Center and North Campus. Boxes can be dropped off at all buildings. For more information call Sue Mainberg at ext. 2223 or Pat Asher at ext. 6663.

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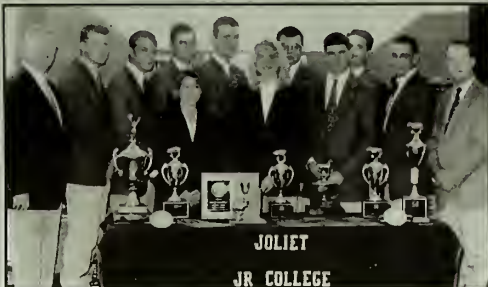
The following recruiters will be on the bridge:

Elmhurst College on Nov. 25
United Parcel Service for employment recruitment on Nov. 5, 10, and 19
University of Illinois, Chicago on Nov. 6.

SIGMA DELTA MU/ALPHA MU GAMMA

The Spanish and French Honor Societies will have a bake sale and sell tickets for a Bulls jacket raffle on Nov. 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the bridge.

Livestock Judging Team wins



Pictured, from left, are Dr. Thomas Gumble, JJC president, Coach Brad Angus, Kade Hummel, Chad Mohler, Deanna Blom, Josh Krohn, Molly Murray, William VanWassenhove, Patrick Padgett, Chad Lanum, Eric Beeman, and Coach Dale Hummel.

Photo courtesy of Livestock Judging Team

News Release

JJC's Livestock Judging Team received High Team Honors at the LA County Fair in Los Angeles, Calif., on Sept. 27.

The awards were for beef, swine, horses, reasons, and overall honors. JJC also had strong individual

success with the top five individuals overall: Chad Lanum won 1st, Patrick Padgett, 2nd; Kade Hummel, 3rd, Josh Krohn, 4th; Eric Beeman, 5th; and Chad Mohler, 11th.

Many of the team members received national recognition this past spring and more recently

captured the Champion Team title at the National Barrow Show.

The upcoming fall contests in which JJC will compete include the American Royal, to be held in Kansas City, Mo., and the North American International Livestock Expo, scheduled for Louisville, Ky.

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JJC Campus Police reported the following incidents for the weeks of Oct. 5-Oct. 16:

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- ♦ a non-student creating a disturbance on the bridge refused to produce identification to the officers and resisted their efforts to detain him. The person was escorted off campus, Oct. 14.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

- ♦ officers assisted a student who became ill after receiving a bee sting, Oct. 6. The student refused

medical assistance from the local hospital.

- ♦ officers assisted an employee who was injured in the loading dock area, Oct. 8.
- ♦ officers assisted an ill student in G-building, Oct. 15.

PUBLIC INDECENCY

- ♦ officers investigated a report of a man exposing himself in a computer lab, Oct. 5. The man was found, evicted from campus and referred for student discipline. He was also charged with a criminal offense, according to police.

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- ♦ a person was detained for shoplifting a textbook from the bookstore and was referred to Judicial Affairs, Oct. 14.
- ♦ theft of a vehicle's hubcaps was investigated, Oct. 16.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

- ♦ a hit-and-run accident occurred in T-Parking Lot, Oct. 6.
- ♦ a hit-and-run accident occurred in Lot 4, Oct. 16.
- ♦ a two-vehicle traffic accident occurred in Lot 4, Oct. 16.

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Peer helpers provided for students

By Crystal Duran

Ever have a problem at school? Flunking a class? Or just need a shoulder to cry on? Well, the Holistic Wellness Program has the answers for you. The Holistic Wellness Office is located in HJ003.

Holistic Wellness incorporates all the areas of wellness into a person's life, including nutritional, occupational, social, emotional, physical, intellectual and environmental areas, which need to be evaluated and addressed in order for a person to live a healthy life.

Pam Dilday is the Holistic Wellness coordinator, Holistic Wellness Club advisor, and Peer Helper supervisor. She provides activities that will encourage people have healthy lives.

She also helps with the Resource Library, in which one can find books on relaxation, stress management and a variety of Holistic Wellness-related materials that you may borrow.

The Holistic Wellness Program is involved with the Student Assistance Program. SAP is a program that desires students to have a positive experience in school. They help relieve some of the daily stress of college life.

One component of the SAP is the newly-introduced Peer Helper group. The Peer Helpers is a group of students who is trained in the 271 Health Psychology class under the supervision of Tom Swietzer, instructor and licensed clinical professional counselor.

The Peer Helpers are trained in listening and communication skills.

The main purposes of these peer helpers are to identify and to refer. The peer helpers can help students by identifying and relating to them on a similar age level.

If a student isn't doing so well in a class, they may refer him or her to a tutor, or if they are in need for class location directions, peer helpers can help them.

They may also be there in times of need when students need a good



Peer Helper Phil McPherson assists sophomore Kelley Fleming at the information booth.

Photo by Matt Furlane

shoulder to cry on, or just someone to listen. They aren't trained to counsel but to more or less guide students.

If you are having a serious problem that is taking its toll on everyday life, the Peer Helpers can refer you to professionals. You may also speak with Dilday or have her refer you to someone else.

Or you may even ask to see Swietzer, who can assist you with your dilemmas. Swietzer tries to help students resolve their problems within three sessions, but if it isn't possible then he may refer outside the school for help.

The Peer Helpers are located on the other side of the office in the information booth. They are Erin Greenwood, Sarah Winterfeld, Mary Misuriewicz and Philip McPherson.

They are available Mondays from 10-11 a.m., 1-2 p.m. and 3-4 p.m.; Wednesdays 10-2 p.m., 3-4 p.m. and Fridays from 10-11 a.m., 12 p.m. Or, you may reach them by calling (315) 729-9020, ext. 2202.

A second attribute to the SAP is the peer educators, who are in training

in addition to the 270 Health Psychology class. The peer educators are a group of students who learn to expand their physical and mental health and happiness.

Their goal is to eventually present educational programs to other peers both on and off campus, including workshops and program establishment in area high schools.

Some of the topics they plan to discuss include substance abuse prevention, self-esteem increase, communication skills, stress management, nutrition and an open potpourri of topics.

Not only will this program provide excellent promotion for JJC, but will also provide the educators with valuable experience and development of great employment skills. Dilday hopes that after this semester these plans come to flourish.

JJC hosts visiting Dutch prof

By Kelly Shanahan

Not only are the languages different in the United States and Holland, but so are the school systems, when looking through the eyes of a professor who visited JJC through an exchange program.

The exchange program allowed for Professor Jan Nagtzaam of Holland to visit JJC for two weeks, from Oct. 13 through Oct. 26. He was hosted by Colleen Kestel-Branchaw of the Nursing Department.

Nagtzaam is a nursing professor at a community college in one of Holland's largest cities.

"The reason for the visit was to compare educational settings and exchange ideas," Nagtzaam said.

The professor noted major differences in the programs offered at each college. The Dutch school system offers more of a cooperative learning setting, where instructors "teach students to learn."

The school does not have general course requirements, such as the ones currently required for JJC students to graduate.

Nagtzaam noted here, however, that JJC offers a more "solid, specialized program."

The programs are different, and so is the semester setup. Four semesters of 10 weeks constitute a school year in Holland while at JJC we only have two semesters in a school year. Nagtzaam's school does not offer summer courses.

The Dutch professor was very impressed with the knowledge that JJC teachers possess.

"The teachers at JJC are highly specialized, well-educated teachers," Nagtzaam said. "They are like a fountain of knowledge."



Professor Jan Nagtzaam visits JJC as part of exchange program.

Photo by Betha Cruser

While he was here, Nagtzaam observed some sociology and psychology classes. He visited Silver Cross Hospital and St. Joseph Medical Center because of his interest in nursing.

Nagtzaam's visit to the United States was not only about education systems. He got to visit the Sears Tower and several of the museums in Chicago, where he was very impressed by the unique architecture.

He also had a chance to interact with the people of the United States. "Americans are very enthusiastic, curious people who ask thousands of questions," Nagtzaam said.

Nagtzaam gained more than just a comparison of the two schools. He gained new friendships and met many people.

While staying at Kestel-Branchaw's, he felt "like apart of the family." Through the exchange program, Kestel-Branchaw will visit Nagtzaam in Holland in the spring.

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Women's basketball team prepares for new year of play

By Betha Cramer

Team spirit, positive attitudes and a feeling of pride all seem to be showing up in the gym during the women's basketball practices. Is it the fact that last year's team was sixth in the nation, or could it be that Coach Tim Johnson has five returning players?

Johnson knows how vital the experience of having a winning season will be to these five returning players.

He senses returning center, Lisa Kula (JCA-Joliet) is a pre-season All-American. Her ability, size and experience will be a great help to the team.

He feels Chris Collins (Tinley Park) has improved the most from



Erin Welsh and Jenny Gruben, with ball, practice their offensive and defensive skills for the upcoming season.

Photo by Betha Cramer

Jamroz is the most solid, all-around player.

-Coach Johnson

last year and is looking to put her in a starting position.

Jenny Jamroz (Minooka) is Coach Johnson's most solid, all-around player and will be a starter. He calls Jenny Gruben (Plainfield) his "emotional leader" and plans to keep her on the court for defense and

rebounding.

"Stacie Hall (Wilmington) scored 30 some points in last year's final game and she had better score some points for us this year," explained Johnson. She is considered the team's best outside shooter and gives everything she has to every game.

Newcomers to the team bring a

lot of talent and desire. Lisa Cieply (Peotone-Mashattan) and Vanessa Harris (Joliet) will take over the point guard positions. Johnson said, "They are so much alike they are like bookends." He plans to split their time on the court.

Erin Welsh (Peotone) and Danielle Peterson (Minooka) are two

post players Johnson knows he is lucky to have.

"Fundamentally, Erin is the best post-up player I have had since coming to JJC. Peterson is a walk-on and a blessing," said Johnson.

Coach Johnson describes Julie Harper (Coal City) as aggressive and a very good defensive player. Rachel

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JJC's second-floor gym defies laws of physics

By Erik Manuel

Is the JJC gym as elusive as the third floor pool in many rural schools?

This, of course, is an exaggeration. Third floor pools are very easy to find. The gym, on the other hand, defies the laws of physics. Who would have thought that a full-sized gym could be on the second floor of a building?

Students who wanted to watch sports events have looked far and wide for it. Of course, nobody bothered to look on the second floor of the G-building. It was this twist that threw everyone for a loop.

Of course the entrance to the gym is in the open (unlike the secret elevator behind a locker that led to the pool), but that's the ingenuity of the secret. It was hidden in the open so that it was overlooked by many of the students.

If, however, you do know where the gym is, you would also know that it has been remodeled. The gym was given a new paint job, added bleachers, and the "carpeting" that was on the ceiling was taken down.

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Sports

Men's basketball gets new head coach

By Roy Herman

New head coach Joe Kuhn, who is in his second stint at JJC, brings a familiar look here as the men's basketball coach. Who is this Joe Kuhn and what does he bring to the table as a coach?

Kuhn's career began at Thornwood High School, where he was head coach for two years before going on to College of St. Francis for another two years as an assistant.

Then came his first stint here at JJC as an assistant coach, followed by a year as an assistant at Rich East High School before he became the head coach there for three years up until now.

Kuhn, who was an assistant under Pat Klingler's 30 win record season here in 1992-93, brings back Dave Dwyer who was an assistant at JJC from 1993-95. Dwyer was on Klingler's '94 squad that won the Junior College National Championship.

Another Kuhn assistant with JJC experience is Keith Kinzer who was a standout player here from 1991-93.

It was one of Coach Kuhn's goals to be head coach at the college level. This prompted Kuhn to interview and take this job. Kuhn feels that his earlier job at JJC had something to do with his present employment. The fact that Athletics Director Wayne



New men's basketball head coach Joe Kuhn Photo courtesy of Athletics

King knew him helped his résumé stand out among others.

"I have coached at both high school and college and I like college better," said Kuhn. He has been successful wherever he has gone so far and hopes to keep that going.

As head coach here, he wants to mix up the tempo of his team by making it run the ball up and down the court with some occasional half court offense, although he said they want to run whenever they get a chance.

Kuhn has already had practices that have started as early as 5:45 a.m. with running drills. Kuhn said, "If we're not the most talented team, then so be it, but we won't be out-hustled."

By Roy Herman

The Wolves men's basketball team is set to begin this upcoming season under first year Head Coach Joe Kuhn. The season kicks off for the men on Nov. 8 at home vs. the College of Lake County at 3 p.m.

The team has two prominent sophomores, in Ryan White, a transfer from Cleveland State and returning from last year, Kevin Raub.

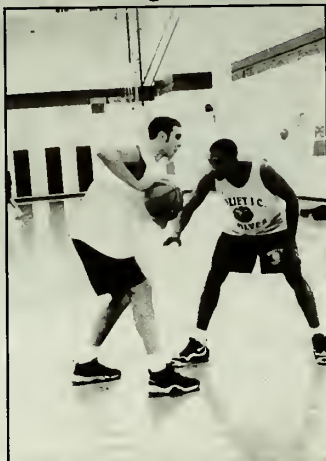
White, who was a four-year starter at Lincoln-Way High School, is a 5'11" guard who comes here highly touted and with great potential. He has outstanding leadership skills and will provide steady play. Another big plus for him is that he can play both guard positions.

Coach Kuhn said Raub has had a great pre-season and has worked very hard. "I expect a big year from Raub," said Kuhn.

Besides White, Carlton DeBose, from Rosary College, also transfers in as a sophomore. DeBose is an athletic slasher who hopefully can step up big this year. An interesting fact about DeBose is that he played against Kevin Garnett's Farragut High School team that lost to DeBose's Thornton team in the Illinois state tournament in 1994/95.

From the recruiting class of the freshmen, Coach Kuhn is very high on Mike Ellis, a 6'2" guard from Plainfield High School in Indiana. Kuhn pointed out that he was a McDonald's All-American last year and also that he is a great shooter.

On the expectations of the team, Coach Kuhn feels it is too early to



Kevin Raub, left, and Loren Boyce go one-on-one at practice in the gym.

Photo by Betha Cramer

evaluate his team's competition because it has been five years since he last saw it. "I have no idea what the competition is at this point because it is too early to tell," said Kuhn. Kuhn feels, though, that his team will be competitive.

The team's strength, according to Kuhn, is that they take care of the ball and they don't commit many turnovers. Also a strength of the team

is its work ethic, which begins with 5:45 a.m. practices. Kuhn feels the team's weakness is that they need to get smarter as a team and learn a little more about the game.

Kuhn sends this message to fans and students, "I feel this will be an exciting year and you won't come away from the games disappointed. We will play an exciting form of basketball," said Kuhn.

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Wolves WIRE

By Betha Cramer

Full Sports Banquet

The Fall Sports Athletic Banquet will be held on Monday, Nov. 17, in the Cafeteria at Main Campus, with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. Cheerleaders, football and volleyball players will be honored. Reservations are required. For information call Marilyn in the Athletic Office at 729-9020 ext. 2431.

Men's Basketball Home Games:

Saturday, Nov. 8, at 3 p.m. JJC vs. College of Lake County
Friday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. JJC vs. Olivet Nazarene JV
All home games are played at Main Campus in the A.A. Willis gym.

Special Offer

The Total Fitness Center is offering a six-month special from Nov. 15, 1997 - May 15, 1998. First time participants pay \$79, and those enrolled the previous semester pay \$69. Call Peg or John at 729-9020 ext. 2259 for more information.

Congratulations

Congratulations go out to Dick Manthei of the Computer Information Systems Center for finishing this year's Chicago Marathon in 4 hours and 19 minutes.

Administrators clamp down on improper use of Internet

By Kelly Shanahan and Matt Furlane

An incident involving a JJC student's use of the Internet has raised some concerns in the Department of Computer and Information Systems (CIS) for those using the college's computers.

The 20-year old student was charged with public indecency, according to police reports, after witnesses reported the student had acted inappropriately.

Access to "information that interferes with or disrupts network users is not acceptable," according to the Policy for Responsible Use of Information Technology. This includes "transmission of obscene or harassing materials."

J.D. Ross, vice president for Academic Services, said that access to unacceptable materials is "not just a problem at JJC, but it's a national problem."

Current policy states that "JJC

reserves the right to extend, limit, restrict, or deny privileges and access to its information resources. Access to the JJC's information technology facilities is a privilege granted to students, faculty, and staff. It is not a right." The policy was adopted in November of 1995.

According to Ram Raghuraman, head of CIS, only those registered for CIS 116, CIS 216 or CIS 000 are allowed access to the Internet, under supervision. Both CIS 116, Introduction to the Internet, and CIS 216, Worldwide Web Homepage Authoring, are one credit hour classes. CIS 000 is a non-credit, \$25 course.

Raghuraman said that the school's technology is to be used for "course-related material. Use of the computers for personal, non-academic material is not allowed. A person caught using the computers for personal use will be asked to leave."

Students may be monitored when using the computer lab. Shelly

Maurer, academic computing supervisor, said that they are trying to prevent abuse of the Internet.

"There is nothing to prevent students from coming in the lab during regular lab hours. If a student looks like they are doing legitimate work, we leave them alone," said Maurer. "If they do not have a CIS book or diskette, we might question them."

Looking at other area community colleges' policies, half of the ten contacted schools have a direct access policy. The other schools have policies similar to JJC where access is limited to those enrolled in computer classes.

The Technology Planning Committee is looking into plans to make computer use at JJC available to more students, faculty and staff.

"Right now we don't have the facilities for open access. There are too many students," said Raghuraman. "We hope to have open access one day in the future, but that will take some time."

PTK sponsors food drive



Phi Theta Kappa held their second annual food drive to benefit local AIDS ministries from Nov. 17 through Nov. 19. Boxes were placed around Main Campus, City Center and North Campus.

Photo by Matt Furlane

Ryan: Technological advances expected for campus computers

By Eva Schultz

Joliet Junior College administration is currently considering how best to maintain and advance the school's computer technology.

Thomas Ryan, vice-president for Business Services at JJC, is working with the Technology Planning Process Committee on a plan to cover the next year and a half of technological growth.

The committee is focusing on how to modify and perfect the current system before considering an addition to the system.

"This is about finishing the project started when the T-building was put in," Ryan said.

The main task of the committee is to resolve compatibility differences between the old hardware and the school's new Hewlett Packard central processing unit.

Though the committee is focused on current technology, Ryan

envisions future changes. "We would like to see all the faculty get PCs," Ryan said.

JJC President Thomas Gamble also has goals for JJC's technological future, but he says that financial issues may hinder advances.

"We could spend \$2 million a year on just maintenance and upgrades for our current system," Gamble said.

Gamble is concerned not only with the school's hardware, but also with its software. "We want to open the door to a new version of our software," he explained.

Gamble would like the software to allow students—through use of an Internet code and social security number—to check the status of their classes, financial aid, and other school matters from any computer, on or off campus.

The system would also offer online registration and career and advising information.

One of the Gamble's concerns is

that JJC's Internet access may not always be free. The school has free access until 2001, but afterward, students may have to pay for Internet access.

Gamble has several plans in mind: a fee applied only to those students who use the Internet; a fee added to every student's bill; or a card system that would allow a student to swipe his or her credit card through a machine attached to the computer and pay for his or her own online time.

Already, online privileges have been abused at JJC.

"Some students were using the computers to access triple-X-rated materials," Gamble said. He stated that the school will not support students seeking online "sex thrills" via JJC computers.

However, Gamble does not want to cut off students' access to the Internet. He hopes to keep access available for students' research and work related to courses.

Purge dates changed due to new tax credit

By Liz Vivanco

Students will be pleased to know that the December purge dates for the Spring semester were cancelled in order to accommodate the people who may be eligible for the new Hope Tax Credit. The next purge date has been changed for Jan. 7, 1998.

The Hope Tax Credit was signed into law in August, 1997, and becomes effective on Jan. 1, 1998. This law provides new tax benefits for parents who are sending their children to college, or for those adults that are continuing their education at an accredited post-secondary school, working toward a degree or certificate," according to Jean Brannen, a CPA from Plainfield.

It provides 100 percent credit for the first \$1,000 of tuition and fees, and 50 percent credit for the next \$1,000. Taxpayers may claim a credit for themselves, and also any dependents.

Eligible students can claim a credit on their federal income tax for up to \$1,500 per student per year, according to Brannen. "There will be an extra form from the IRS, where you can compute the credit," she said. "The benefit is part of the tax return. [Eligible taxpayers] are not going to see the benefit until the 1998 tax return."

The Hope Tax Credit covers qualified tuition and related

expenses, but not grants, scholarships or other tax-free assistance, according to Alice Jackson, Joliet Junior College controller.

Since the new law does not take effect until next year, people who qualify for this credit must have their payment processed after Jan. 1. JJC administration is encouraging students to make their payments prior to Jan. 1, but to the request that they will not be able to print out a deferred payment form from the kiosks, but if people feel they will not be eligible for the Hope Tax Credit, the Service Center will print a form for them. "We aren't discouraging payments before January," a spokesperson from the Service Center said.

The credit will gradually be phased out for joint filers with adjusted incomes of \$80,000-\$100,000, and for single filers with adjusted gross incomes of \$40,000-\$50,000.

JJC administration encourages people who believe they may be eligible for the Hope Tax Credit to consult their tax advisors. "By no means are we tax analysts... so we are suggesting people call their tax advisors," said Jennifer Klobedanz, director of Financial Aid.

Students display artwork

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Turtle species discovered on campus

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Wolves' basketball schedules

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The in-crowd disappears in 'Super High School'

Upon attending school here, I anticipated "Super High School," as it's been sarcastically called. Although the setting is overall more sophisticated, it's safe to say that this institution does in fact house many familiar faces and old high school friends, regardless of where you go to school.



I also have noticed an elating, yet frustrating, trend upon going to college with so many acquaintances. In general, the people I attended high school with, despite their high totem pole position prior to college, are treating me differently—better. I speak on behalf of the people who were either the center of harassment or were disliked through the most impressive and important years of their life.

I accept the duty to inquire about the change of heart the once "popular" kids have had just over the course of the summer. It bothers me, quite honestly, how the now small fish in a big

sea are in a sense asking for forgiveness from the "misfits" they wouldn't dare speak to in high school. Has the time between high school and college really sophisticated them?

I realize college is not about fitting in or being the prettiest. It's not about humiliating the kid in the Star Trek shirt or copying the answers from the "A" student's homework. Call me naive, but I have seen a lot of overall friendliness and support in the time I've been here, and I've paid a lot of attention to the atmosphere. It has made a very interesting change, coming from a primarily abrasive and competitive environment (high school), to a place like this where people actually care.

My question is about the existence of the cliques and popular societies of high school. Where did they go? Did they dissipate as their friends went their separate ways? Did the popular kids get a course in liberalization over the summer? Perhaps they knew they'd never

make it in higher education with their noses so high up in the air. It concerns me that the once elite students who stepped all over the "lower class" have made it a strong point to come to terms with their ignorance, utilizing no ulterior motive but good will.

As a "middle class" student, if you will, I found it a goal to feel acceptance by people higher up than me. Call it a shallow and superficial ideal, but most people will admit to aspiring to the elite level of high school society. Today it is expressed in every day programming.

For example, *Daria* is the MTV animation series about an outcast teen-age girl capable of taking over the world, an ostensibly egotistical younger sister Quinn. *Daria* humorously weighs out the price of popularity and the value of staying true to oneself by observing the trials and tribulations of her sister and the rest of the characters.

Finding a safe confidant in Jane, the bob-

haired, quad-eared Goth-pal, *Daria* shares some laughs, and some dramatic realizations about being a non-conformist.

I have seen many people much worse off than myself in the popularity department. Maybe this is my way of standing up for them when I used to just walk away or try and block it out. Maybe this is my way of standing up for myself when I was ignored or mistreated because I wasn't born into a group of people whom I will never feel at ease with.

Perhaps this is somewhat rare and not shared by other students. I'd like to know if myself and a small group of people are the only ones keen to this change of action. I'm guessing this sort of thing happens frequently, but I could be wrong.

After high school, I never imagined I'd see the day that I'd be face to face with the omnipotent popular class I felt inferior to. Although there's a certain sense of elation when the once popular people acknowledge me, I still remain skeptical about the future.

I witness severe envy (and popularity common in even professional adults). Although a cliché, maybe the will to forgive and forget holds true.

Period Point Blank

By Erica Gallagher

Letters to the Editor

Praises given to Blazer staff writers

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on *The Blazer*. To date, the news has been substantial and objectively and clearly reported. Also, the features have been interesting and lively.

I'd like to thank Erica Gallagher especially for her story on *Worleater*. As a teacher who is not always absolutely thrilled with student writing, I must say that I have been delighted by the literary skills of many, many JJC writers over the last twenty-five years of sponsoring *Worleater*. About one-third of these writers were not my students in Creative Writing. Indeed, many of my Creative Writing students have not published at all in *Worleater*, but I am constantly impressed by the quality of much of this writing.

Indeed, I think JJC should be better known and appreciated for its accomplishments in the humanities. JJC's dramatists, musicians, painters and other graphic artists consistently perform at a very high level with too little applause.

In addition to Erica's various columns and features, I think Scott Owens, Matt Furlane,

Mike Dunn, Betha Cramer, and you, Ms. Vivanco, have done yourselves proud.

John Stobart

Culinary knowledge bowl queries answered

Dear Editor,

I would like to reply to the queries raised by Peter Wieka, when he thanked Wayne Popelka for the article he wrote on Oct. 15 about our Culinary Knowledge Bowl Team. Eighteen teams competed nationally in 1997, which is double the amount we have had in the past. Our central region goes border to border north to south and includes Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, Arkansas, Minnesota, Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Nebraska and the Dakotas. We tried to put together a Central Regional Junior Member Conference here at JJC for early 1998 but could not get the financing. We will try again for later in the year or 1999. The team practices every Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 at either City Center or Main Campus. Call Chef Ferrara at 727-6544 ext. 1200 for details.

Fredrick N Ferrara

Editorial

Thanksgiving provides time for reflection

With Thanksgiving being this month, it is important for us to remember that we must express gratitude to those who help us every day. With high stress levels and constant rushing, people tend to forget that others need to be cared for.

The Giving Tree, a children's book by Shel Silverstein, is an excellent story that reminds people of how selfish we all can be.

The story is about a tree and a boy. The tree gives all it can to the boy, including its apples, its branches and its trunk. The boy, in return, gives nothing, and returns very few times to visit the tree.

The last time the boy returns, many years later, he is an old man. The tree has nothing left to give him. However, there is a stump for the old man to sit upon. The story ends, and still the boy does not thank the tree for its selflessness.

It is important that people realize how big of a difference others can make in their lives. Whether it's a small token of friendship or a large sacrifice, people are there for each other. Thanksgiving is the perfect opportunity to reach out to friends and return any affection they may have shown towards you.

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Unstoppable Challengers strive to succeed

By Crystal Duran

The Unstoppable Challengers is a disability awareness group on campus that works with the administration, faculty and students to broaden awareness of students with special challenges and disabilities.

"My disability is just one part of me and it's just a part of everyone. You need to look past the physical disability and look at the person with the disability."

-Rhonda Carlson

It combines all aspects of college life into the group. It is currently working with a cultural awareness board to intertwine the entire populous of the campus. It also

functions as a support group to ease the mental daily fatigue of college life.

"It is a sounding board for frustration," says Rhonda Carlson, who served as secretary for two semesters during spring of 1995 and been involved ever since. "It is a peer group to help with problems that they may have."

It isn't difficult for students who don't have any disabilities to move on to college, but students that do, find even more new challenges and anxieties. Not only do physical problems get in the way, but also mental and learning disabilities. The stress of college life mix with feelings of awkwardness and isolation.

The Unstoppable Challengers serve as self-esteem boosters. Carlson explains, "We're here to tell them that if you've come this far, you've accomplished so much and don't give up!"

They find that they are not alone in a world filled with so many challenges and goals. It is easier for them to come to school knowing someone is here rooting for them all the way.

Last fall the Unstoppable Challengers hosted "A Day in our

Shoes," where 11 outside agencies that aid people with disabilities and challenges in the community assisted in a campus fair.

The event went so well that some administrators volunteered to be in wheelchairs for a day, traveling back and forth from one side of the campus to the other, wheeling to and from their offices to see if their offices were accessible.

When they found that certain places were not accessible, they quickly began renovation. They widened the aisles and made computers and library information, otherwise troublesome for disabled students to acquire, more accessible.

Not only was it an aesthetic change for JJC, but it also strengthened sympathy towards the students and their special needs.

This club also eases apprehensiveness towards people with disability. Carlson speaks from personal experience, "When I first was on campus in my wheelchair and scooter, I found that there were some students that didn't even want to look at me in the face! I would go down the bridge and they would turn away."

By no means is this an exclusive

club; it is open to everyone at JJC.

Sometimes it is hard to understand people who are in wheelchairs who look and act differently. "It's an uneasiness one tends to have. Maybe some people are not sure how to respond to them."

"My disability is just one part of me and it's just a part of everyone. You need to look past the physical disability and look at the person with the disability," Carlson said. "The disability is not the person!"

This club will help ease that numbness.

The club has been struggling to get people to join in order to get enough people for an office club.

If you are interested, please contact Rhonda Carlson in E1001, John Burns in the Human Resources office, or Patrice Fine in the Student Activities Office in H1001 at the end of the bridge. They strongly urge for anyone interested to come join.

"The disability is not the person!"

-Rhonda Carlson

Police Blotter

JJC Campus Police reported the following incidents for the weeks of Nov. 2-Nov. 15:

ASSAULT

- ◆ an employee at City Center reported being threatened by another person. The situation was resolved without further incident, Nov. 4.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO STATE SUPPORTED PROPERTY

- ◆ a student ejected from a driving class caused damage to a door in T-building, Nov. 15.

MEDICAL ASSISTS

- ◆ officers assisted a student who became ill in G-building, Nov. 3. And then later, that same day, assisted yet another student in G-building who became ill.

THEFT

- ◆ a college employee reported the theft of college equipment with a value over \$300, Nov. 5.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

- ◆ a two-vehicle traffic accident occurred at the intersection of College Drive and Exit Road, Nov. 4.
- ◆ a hit-and-run accident occurred in T-parking lot, Nov. 13.
- ◆ officers investigated a traffic accident on College Drive that involved a deer, Nov. 14.
- ◆ a vehicle slid off the roadway and struck a light pole. No damage was reported to college property. No injuries were reported, Nov. 15.

Honors Program seminars center on family

By Matt Furlane

In order to broaden people's perspectives and promote learning, the JJC Honors Program, in cooperation with Phi Theta Kappa, has utilized a satellite dish stationed on the side of J-building to hold live interactive teleconference lecture seminars this semester on the topic, "Family: Myth, Metaphor, and Reality."

"The seminars educate people about important subjects that affect everyone. They can be extremely informative if the topic of the day deals with your major," said Scott Larson, Honors Program member and Blazer staff writer.

So far this semester, three seminars have been held dealing with various aspects of the subjects, like defining what a family is and a person's role within the family. There will be one more seminar held by the end of the semester.

The seminar that was recently held on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m., dealt with the topic of family and the law. The upcoming one on Tuesday, Dec. 2, again at 6:30 p.m., will be on family and the arts.

The teleconferences are broadcast live and students of faculty in attendance may phone in question on the current topic. After the seminars end, participants may discuss the subject further through viewers around the country through



Satellite located beside J-building.

Photo by Matt Furlane

an Internet bulletin board.

"The seminars are broadcast from either the University of Maine or Oklahoma State University," said Honors Program Coordinator, Peter L. Neff. "At least 1500 people participate from 60 different colleges and universities. It's a great opportunity to hear someone speak who is devoted to their field."

Conducted by the National Collegiate Honors Council, the teleconference seminars can be viewed at the TV studio in J3011 where a large screen television is connected to the satellite dish. The studio has room for up to 40 people to view the lectures, which may be broadcast from different places in the country.

El Día de los Muertos, a Mexican holiday, celebrates life, death

By Erica Gallagher

El Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a Mexican holiday which was begun by the Aztec Indians long ago. It seems to be almost exclusive to Mexico, and Mexican-Americans rarely celebrate this holiday in the United States. The holiday is very sacred and celebrated with great focus on family preparation, youth involvement, cooking and gravesite visitation.

El Día de los Muertos is, in actuality, three consecutive days beginning on Oct. 31 and going through Nov. 2. The three days have individual significance and various activities devoted to each day.

El Día de los Muertos is a time of reflection and celebration of life and it is strictly coincidental that it falls during a similar time as Halloween. Beginning on the last day of October,

the holiday is spent cooking meals, cleaning and general cleaning. The rich tradition of getting ready for the many relatives and friends says a lot about the culture as a whole.

Their regard for the dead is far

El Día de los Muertos is three consecutive days starting Oct. 31.

more involved than just visiting a gravesite of silently praying. Mexicans have three days reserved for celebration, and the entire month of November is focused on the dead. Each day of preparation and participation is as unique as the culture which continues to celebrate

the holiday.

Angela Raskowski, secretary of Sigma Delta Mu, the Spanish Honor Society, said, "The first day is spent cooking, cleaning and preparing the children's altar." The children's altar is in celebration of the lives of dead children. An altar is a monument of reflection where kids place candles, toys, incense and sugar skulls. With the belief that the altars will be seen and enjoyed by the dead children, they include things that they liked when they were alive.

Nov. 1 is the day when young adults pay respects to their deceased loved ones. In general, the adult altars include favorite foods, a lit candle for each relative, photos and "pan de los muertos," or "bread of the dead." On this particular day, the families prepare a special dinner and visit other relatives and friends.

This tradition is commonplace in Mexican society, but often seems unfamiliar in other cultures.

Mangolds are among decorations used for the altars. "Mangolds are significant to El Día de los Muertos and they decorate the altars with the various colored flowers," Raskowski said.

All Souls Day, Nov. 2, is the last day of the celebration. Families attend church and visit the gravesites of loved ones. The adults have a picnic and bring food and flowers to

the cemetery. Children are always in attendance playing games and celebrating. This tradition is commonplace in Mexican society, but often seems unfamiliar in other cultures.

This year, Sigma Delta Mu and Alpha Mu Gamma had a fund-raiser to commemorate this holiday and it proved successful. They sold skull lollipops, a popular Mexican holiday treat, and raised a total of \$185. Four hundred skulls were sold in one day and the event, according to Raskowski, "went over very well for the amount of time we had to prepare."

Next year, according to Raskowski, the club would like to do more within the school environment to celebrate these days. With its success, next year may increase Mexican cultural awareness.

CD Reviews

Forever is the time for the Wu-Revolution

By Erica Gallagher

Wu-Tang Forever. Wu-Tang Clan's two-disc album, is more than just another reunion project. After six years, Wu-Tang has taken off collectively and thus reaching beyond the bounds of its urban roots.

Has its goal to reach white teenagers and college students by way of the new album been successful? Looking around campus, it's inevitable.

The nine members of WTC include the innovative Clan Leader RZA, GZA, Method Man, Raekwon, Ol' Dirty Bastard, Ghostface Killah, Masta Killa, U-God and Inspectah Deck. Each one of these artists has a distinct characteristic which makes for colorful and diverse tracks.

There is a remarkable bond among the group that can be sensed by the unity within WTC. Even in the gap between Wu-Tang albums, they still remained involved through solo careers. Mastermind RZA has much to do with the individual success of the members of WTC.

Track one, *Wu-Revolution*, is an evangelistic tune, including a "reversed" reciting words of praise and hope to the congregation (listener). Their high energy mission towards revolution is enlightening. "Is it time for the revolutionary war? That's the mental war! That's the battle between God and Devil! Take the devil off your plane!"

Inspiration is the opening of this elaborate trip into Wu. *A Better Tomorrow* encourages the distraught in the world to take action. "You can't purify your life away, drink your life away, smoke your life away, f--- your life away, dream your life away, scheme your life away, 'cause your seeds grow up the same way!"

Words of wisdom, care of the Clan, are spoken almost in a sense of urgency for the world to open its eyes. Their message, directed towards youth, suggests that what you do now affects the generation after you. The rest of the album, with similar intensity and emotion, carries some into an unknown world, and others into a reality.

WTC is a collection of talented artists with a marketing empire already successful in its endeavors. RZA has begun assisting a film career and perhaps his next job will be directing. Aside from the main man, the other eight careers beyond Wu-Tang. If it's any indication, Wu-Tang Forever means just that. After the group, there will be an ongoing spirit without a doubt. RZA said to Rolling Stone in September, "...we're coming back through when the whole world needs us."

People need to hear a voice, a breath of life that you can identify with. It's apparent by their continuing success that people everywhere have been listening to that "voice."

Advanced pottery students exhibit work

By Scott Owens

Continuing with its yearly schedule of shows, the Laura A. Sprague Art Gallery at Folger Junior College is currently featuring an exhibit through Nov. 26. The display will reopen after the Thanksgiving holiday and run from Dec. 1 through Dec. 12.

Throughout the year the gallery hosts displays featuring the work of students, faculty, or guest artists, but all art in the current exhibit was made by three advanced pottery students at JJC.



"Evolution," by Caryn Carew



Caryn Carew used terra cotta and mixed media to produce "Millie" and "Saul" for the Laura A. Sprague Art Gallery, located on the second floor of J-building.

The creative art of Karyn Horvat, Renee Harrison, and Mary Roberts is now on display. The gallery is located on the second floor of the J-building, and admission is free and open to the public Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

'Millie and Saul'

"Ceramic sculptures are the main focus of the exhibit," Gallery Director Joe Milosevich said. Drawings, paintings, and mixed media works are also part of the show. The number of displays in this exhibit totals about 35, according to Milosevich.

As is customary, an artist's reception was held on Sunday, Nov. 9 in anticipation of the exhibit's official opening one day later. "This gives people a chance to see the exhibit for the first time and meet the three artists," Milosevich said.

Those three artists decided to dedicate this exhibit to a friend and fellow art student, Lois Griffin. This honor was bestowed because Griffin has been ill and was unable to participate in the exhibit as was planned.



"Thoughts from My Head," by Renee Harrison.

Madder Rose does Magic

By Erica Gallagher

It's refreshing to know Gwen Stefani isn't the only "girl" capable of frontlining three male musicians. Mary B. Lorson, vocalist of New York's Madder Rose, has taken the group into *Tragic Magic*, their latest Atlantic Record effort.

Magic is an often haunting twelve-track album that takes every emotion one could evoke and... abracadabra! It's magic, folks!

Lorson herself plays many interesting instruments which is a paramount fact worthy of mention. Once again, unlike the "Stefanis" out there, she does more than look pretty on stage. I don't really know too much about "mystery percussion" but whatever it is, she plays that along with guitar, Aarp (not an insurance company!), piano, and organ.

MR uses many innovative musical sounds and techniques, but not so many that the listener is taken to far back. To an *MR* listener, it may appear that they pull off their first-rate talent rather subtly, but that's no hocus pocus; they've been in and out of the studio for six years.

Surprisingly, one of the NY scene, the trip-hop, ambient guitar rockers gave it another shot with *Magic*. This time, they incorporated a variety of musical ideas including spoken word, heard on "Peter and Victor," "Peter," spoken by Billy Cote, guitarist and Moogist, is an original character who seems to get himself in some pretty unusual circumstances during the course of the track. "Peter and Victor" is a sadder inner ring in the gut of the album, and for three minutes and ten

seconds, the listener gets a change of pace.

Much unlike "P and V," the second half of the album is funky and bluesy and almost melancholy in its poetic and dreamlike nature. Part of the listener leans toward sadness and part towards a groovy type of elation. Perhaps this is why *MR* is so hard to define audiotively.

"My Star," the opening track, has almost a reggae feel to it as Lorson offers a deep, yet soft sound, paralleling Chris Giammalvo's funky bass line. "Midnight on the Dot" is kind of Mazzy Star meets a distortion pedal, with a placid mood and an eerie presence. It makes you warm and cuddly enough, you may find yourself asleep.

Exquisite sound quality on this album could be attributed to excellent engineering, perhaps, but first a band must be talented. The audio excellence of *MR* is imperial to a lot of albums out there. Lorson is distinctive and harmonious, qualities that have been long overlooked in the business lately.

Most of the intrigue of *MR* is their blend of so many musical genres and instruments. For example, in "Delight's Pool," Lorson uses the "vintage organ" sound and Johnny Kick, drummer, also shows off his whistle in the hidden track. It's creativity like this that sets albums like *Tragic Magic* apart from the "new alternative" illusions audiences are hypnotized to enjoy by radio play lists. *Tragic Magic*, however, is not really magic at all, but rather honest and unmistakable talent.

Props go to Sweep the Leg Johnny

By Jason Braasch

Sweep the Leg Johnny's first CD, "4, 9, 21, 30," is an excursion in the sea of indie rock.

The band tactfully blends noise rock with melody in its normal fashion: no formula whatsoever. STLJ displays a blatant disregard for the verse chorus, verse chorus spiel established by rock 'n' rollers everywhere. They have a certain style that keeps the listener guessing on the next musical part that will be thrown at them.

STLJ likes to experiment with every musician's friend: dynamics. Scott Anna could be pounding away on the drums for a loud and driving noise rock part and break right into a slow melodic part.

This takes great skills that not many bands can perform as well as Sweep the Leg Johnny. Much props to them for that aspect.

The singer, Steve Sostak, adds heartfelt cut phrases between his melodic hom parts. He has a very strong voice similar to other premier

indie bands such as Braid and Days in December.

Sostak has the vocal diversity needed for a band such as Sweep the Leg Johnny, one such that can make a musical masterpiece overlap with overdriven chaos.

"4, 9, 21, 30" is an excellent starting-off point for a very promising band. STLJ never really reeks of redundancy in its musical repertoire.

This is a disease that has plagued many current bands but has not infected Sweep the Leg Johnny in the least bit. It has a very original and cool sound.

By seeing a recent stellar performance at the Fireside Bowl in Chicago, STLJ solidified its presence, in my eyes, as one of the premier indie rock bands. Its shameless noise rock and charming melodies make for a stunning split personality.

The new CD "4, 9, 21, 30" may not be for the musical masses, but the musical consumers would definitely appreciate this solid-sounding band.

Read the *Blazer*. Write us a letter. We would love to read your comments and/or suggestions for improvement.



Michael Brunningun, Trish Keenan, Ryan Toomey, and Brian Gens toast the Nazi's downfall in a scene from *The White Rose*.

Photo courtesy of JJC Players

JJC Players perform *The White Rose*

The Joliet Junior College Fine Arts Department presented Lillian Garrett-Groag's drama *The White Rose* Nov. 20-23.

This drama, based upon a true story, deals with a group of students at the University of Munich who are distributing leaflets calling for revolt against the atrocities of the Nazi regime. When captured, they face a horrible choice: recant or suffer a horrible fate.

The White Rose was presented in the Fine Arts Theatre in K-building at Main Campus.

The cast of the *The White Rose* included Mark Casserilla, Julie

Wilkey-Hennard, Nina Baki, and Bart Zimmer of Joliet; Brian Stanley of Shorewood, Anthony Domenico and Kristine Umicks of Lockport; Jacob Nielsen and Justin March of New Lenox; Trish Keenan of Mokena, Jamie Hooper and Kevin Vallera of Wilmington; Brian Gens of Frankfort, Michael Brunningun of Bolingbrook, Stacey Stofko of Plainfield, Beck O' Marrah of Downers Grove, and Ryan Toomey of Villa Park.

The production was directed by Dr. Rosaline B. Stone and was designed by Nicki Blowers.

Ticket prices for all theater events

are \$3 for the general public, \$2 for senior citizens and students, and \$1 for children under age twelve. Additional discounts are available for JJC students, faculty and staff.

Audience members were encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to the production, where they may be exchanged for items at the concession table. All contributions were donated to area shelters.

The idea to collect contributions was established with the production of *Good Person of Setzu*, which was produced in the fall of 1996, and has continued since.

Students get deal on plants

By Kelly Shanahan

They sit outside building A at JJC's Main Campus. Most students pass them, unknowingly passing up an opportunity—the opportunity to buy beautiful plants at low prices.

The three greenhouses shelter horticulture students' class projects. Many of the plants are up for sale after they bloom, allowing students to opportunity to buy them.

The greenhouse is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to browse the greenhouses during those hours.

According to Dr. James Ethridge, a horticulture teacher, the blooming plants are reasonably priced because "it is a non-profit project. We are only trying to break even."

The money generated from the sale of the plants is put back into the program. It is used to buy more plants for the horticulture students grow.

The program is very successful. "We usually sell out of everything," Ethridge said.

The greenhouse will be holding a Christmas sale, from Nov. 17 through Dec. 19. Poinsettias that students grew will be for sale, just in time for Christmas. Usually selling for anywhere between \$14-\$18 in stores, JJC will be selling them for around \$7.

Four-inch pots of the Christmas

cactus, holly, and Norfolk pine will be selling for around \$3.

The poinsettias are growing in the first of the three greenhouses. The first greenhouse, known as the hothouse, is kept between 60 and 79 degrees Fahrenheit. Half of the hothouse right now is sheltering the red and white poinsettias.

The second house, known as the coolhouse, is kept between 60 and 65 degrees. The coolhouse is used to house other growing plants. Known as the polyhouse, the last greenhouse is kept between 55 and 65 degrees. It is mainly used for storage.

The greenhouses are usually under the supervision of Caryn Jennings, a lab assistant for the horticulture department. Because she is out with an illness, Ethridge and others are keeping things running smoothly.

The greenhouses allow for students the opportunity for hands-on experience in not only caring for the plants, but also in managing a greenhouse. Miranda Collins, a 19-year old horticulture student, was diligently working on paperwork for her greenhouse management class during the greenhouses' hours.

"It would rather be working with the plants than doing paperwork, but it must be done," said Collins.

Collins is also there to answer any questions that anyone might have about the proper care needed for the plants.

Stinkpot musk turtle shell discovered

By Andy Neill
Guest Writer

Life is full of surprises. For students enrolled in the Field Ecology (BIO 147) course taught by Dr. Bill Zales. On Oct. 15, while exploring the college's natural areas along the Rock Run Creek, the class discovered the empty shell of a Stinkpot Musk Turtle, or *Sternotherus odoratus*.

"The discovery of this turtle is a first for the college campus and the third recorded specimen from Will County," said Zales. Stinkpot have been observed at the Midwestern National Tallgrass Prairie (former Joliet Arsenal) and the Lockport Prairie Preserve. Zales sent the turtle's shell to the Illinois Natural History Survey in Champaign-Urbana, where it will be added to their nationally recognized research collection.

Stinkpot Musk Turtles, while not an endangered species, are considered rare because of their secretive habits. As a consequence, their status is unclear.

There are four species of mud turtles in North America. The Stinkpot is the only species with a range that extends into Illinois from the southeastern states. They seldom leave the sluggish waters of rivers or muddy ponds and then only to nest. Like other reptiles, turtles lay and bury their eggs in moist soils.

The Musk Turtle gets its common

Stinkpot Musk Turtles get their common names from the powerful odor secreted from their special glands.

name from the powerful odor of the secretions released from special glands. Musk Turtles are identified by the scale or scute patterns on their shells.

As Zales' students discovered, they are fortunate to attend a college with an abundance of biologically diverse resources just beyond the classroom. Allison Koski, an environmental science major, and Brian Schlegel, a biology major, were both surprised by the discovery of the turtle.

People interested in learning more about our natural resources on campus are encouraged to hike the nature trails on campus or enroll in Field Ecology (BIO 147). For additional information contact Andy Neill, biology teacher, or Zales at ext. 2632.

Andy Neill, biology instructor, wrote this article for the Blazer. He is a featured guest writer for this issue.

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Holistic Wellness promotes 12 days of health, fitness

By Kelly Shanahan

Rudy the Robust Reindeer does not want you to put on the pounds like Jolly ol' St. Nick this holiday season.

Rudy, mascot for the "12 Days of Fitness," is inviting all JJC students and staff to the program that will be promoting healthy choices for the holidays.

The kick-off for the program is Wednesday, Nov. 26, from noon until 1 p.m. in J-1006. Walk-ins are welcome, just bring a lunch.

"Twelve days of Fitness" is sponsored by Holistic Wellness. The program is designed so that participants take a break from their hectic holiday schedules to think about their health.

"It's a chance to look at your health before the holidays, before the extra pounds," said Pam Dilday, Holistic Wellness Coordinator.

From Dec. 1-12, participants are asked to complete one healthy activity from 12 fitness areas. Being healthy is more than just being physically fit. The other areas include anything from keep healthy relationships with others to exploring different cultures and their customs. Some of the suggested activities

are as simple as eating at a new ethnic restaurant, getting a massage, starting a journal, or buying environmentally friendly products.

Participants are asked to keep a log of the activity they engaged in over the 12 days. Incentives to complete the 12 days will be sent to participants as well as prizes upon completion of the program.

The kick-off will help motivate participants to begin thinking healthy by playing games and having contests. Some prizes will be awarded at the kick-off. Prizes include T-shirts, candle, stressbustors, and a Walk-man.

"It's free, it will be fun, it is an incentive to start thinking healthy," said Dilday.

A similar program was held two years ago. There were about 45 participants.

"This one will be different from the one held two years ago," said Dilday.

"It's a chance to look at your health."
-Pam Dilday

Adjunct faculty member profiled

By Scott Larson

Kevin Hargrave has been an adjunct faculty member at Joliet Junior College for over four years.

Currently, he teaches Principles of Management, Human Relations and Human Resources Management at both Main Campus and North Campus. He especially likes teaching here because he attended night school while he was in the military, so he can relate to students who are working and attending school at the same time.

He has learned from his own experiences that school should not be restricted to textbooks and lectures. One of his goals is to "get people to think and problem-solve."

This has become a common trend in many different fields of study, instead of the usual reading and memorizing which has become less common.

It is especially advantageous for managers to be able to make their own decisions, because textbooks



Kevin Hargrave, part-time instructor
Photo by Matt Furlane

cannot incorporate all possible business situations, he said. Students gain a thorough understanding of office policy by studying "human life situations related to school situations."

Using his experiences in business relations, Hargrave teaches his students to become effective workers.

By Emily Capps

AUDITIONS

Auditions for *Man of La Mancha* will be held in the choir room (K1003) on Dec. 16 from 6-7 p.m. and on Dec. 17 from 3-5 p.m. The auditions are open to all community college district residents. People who wish to audition should memorize a brief song from a musical and be prepared to read from the script. The musical will be directed by Dr. Zachary Bloomfield and the musical direction by Ms. Sue Malmberg. For more information call ext. 2200.

BARDS GUILD

The Bards Guild is having a special guest presentation by Jay Miller, executive director of the Illinois chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, on the bridge at 1 p.m. on Dec. 2.

CHILD CARE CENTER

Child Care Center registration will be held Nov. 17 through Jan. 12. The registration fee is \$20 and \$2.75 per hour. Medical forms are required and the Center accepts public aid and other special program recipients. Children must be ages 3-12. To register, or for more information, call ext. 2280.

COFFEE HOUSE

The Programming Board is sponsoring its third coffee house on Dec. 10 from 6-9 p.m. and has hired student talent to perform. Admission is free. Refreshments will be sold. Poetry reading is open to the group.

GRAPHOLOGY CLUB

The Graphology Club is going to have a dine-out evening at a local restaurant instead of its regular meeting on Dec. 5. You must make a reservation with Len by Dec. 1. Call 744-7491.

HOLISTIC WELLNESS

All students and staff are invited to the 12 Days of Fitness Kick-off on

Nov. 26 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in J0006. The Kick-off will provide information, fun, games, and lots of prizes. Bring your own lunch. Nov. 26 is the last day of the Green Bean Campaign. Other Holistic Wellness events include Dec. 1-5 as Alcohol Awareness Week and Dec. 1-12 are the 12 Days of Fitness.

JEWELRY CLASS

JJC's Jewelry Class will be selling its handcrafted earrings, pins, pendants, rings, bracelets, beads, and bolos in gold, silver, copper, brass, niobium, glass and semi-precious stones.

NEWMAN CLUB

The Newman Club is hosting an Advent Reflection Series on Dec. 10 and 17 from 12-12:45 p.m. in the Planetarium. For more information, call Charlene Wagner at ext. 2521.

SAXOPHONE RECITAL

The Joliet Junior College Fine Arts Department will present Dr. Thomas Liley at a faculty saxophone recital on Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. Assisting him will be pianist Dr. Nancy Liley. For more information, call the Arts Line at ext. 2500-ARTS.

SIGMA DELTA MU/ALPHA MU GAMMA

Sigma Delta Mu/Alpha Mu Gamma will have eyeglasses donation boxes in buildings J, G, and D from Dec. 1-5. These eyeglasses will be distributed internationally to the needy.

STAR SHOWS

The Herbert Trackman Planetarium will host a seasonal star show in December. "Tis the Season" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 2 and 9.

TRIP TO ITALY

Joliet Junior College is planning a nine-day group trip to Italy. The cost is \$1598 for twin and \$1868 for single and includes 24 meals. Also

included is the round trip air transportation and full-time tour manager. For more information or to sign up for the trip, contact Kim Hacker at North Campus, (815) 886-3000 ext. 2227.

WINTER CONCERTS

The JJC Percussion Ensemble will present its Winter Concert at the Fine Arts Theatre on Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. The ensemble is under the direction of Terry Peoples.

The Joliet Junior College Fine Arts Department will present its annual Winter Jazz Concert in the Fine Arts Theatre on the main campus at 7:30 p.m. The band is under the direction of Jerry E. Lewis, Chairman of the Fine Arts Department on Dec. 5. Reed Custer High School will be the guest band. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens. The cost is \$1 to JJC faculty, students and staff.

RECRUITERS

Harrah's is looking for deck hands, cashiers, slot hosts, casino services reps, etc. These positions are full-time and the pay is \$8 an hour and various shifts are available. Recruiters will be on the bridge on Dec. 1 and 2.

United Parcel Service is looking for package handlers. The starting pay is \$8 an hour and the applicant must be able to lift 70 lbs. Various shifts are available. UPS will be on the bridge on Dec. 3.

Western Illinois University will recruit on the bridge on Dec. 2.

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Expectations high for Lady Wolves this season

By Jeremy Richardson

At JJC, basketball is always in the spotlight. But, this year the women are doing all the talking. The Lady Wolves are coming off an amazing season, having finished sixth in the nation. With high expectations and a desire for perfection, they are back for the 1997-98 season.

The Lady Wolves, ranked eighth in preseason polls, are led by Head Coach Tim Johnson, who is in his fourth year here at JJC and his 17th overall.

"This is the best team since I've been here," Johnson said. "He has had to make some changes in his coaching style to fit this year's team. 'We now are more up-tempo, and we are going to press a lot more to open up fast break opportunities,'" he said. Johnson feels this year's team is better than last year's, because it is deeper.

Five returning sophomores will play a big role as leaders. Standout center Lisa Kula recorded seven double doubles last year while leading the team in rebounding 22



Practices for the Lady Wolves have been spirited this year.

Photo by Betha Crumey

out of 35 games, and also leading the team in scoring 14 out of 35 games.

Stacie Hall, a shooting guard, averaged 8.3 points per game last

year. Jenny Jamroz, also a shooting guard, averaged 7 points per game. Chris Collins, a power forward, averaged 2 points per game, and Jenny Onych, a power forward, averaged 2.4 points per game. Coach Johnson says, "The pressure for them to become great leaders comes from inside themselves."

After losing star guard Kisha Barefield to graduation, Coach Johnson recruited seven freshmen from Illinois to fill missing holes. Lisa Cieply, a (5-5) point guard from Peotone, and Vanessa Harris, a (5-4) point guard from Joliet Township, both are fighting for the starting point guard position both will play a big role for the team no matter who starts. Other freshmen include Julie Halper, a (5-7) guard from Coal City, Rachel Pergam, a (5-6) forward from Plainfield, Krystal Himes, a (5-7) forward from Bishop McNamara, Erin Welsh, a (5-11) forward from Peotone, and Danielle Peterson, a (5-11) forward from Minooka.

This season, the Lady Wolves will have to answer a lot of questions. Their team goals are to win 20 or

more games and to dominate the conference. Coach Johnson should have no problem accomplishing that with the team he has put together. The Lady Wolves should be in the top four by season's end.

JJC hosts Holiday Classic this weekend

The annual JJC Holiday Classic will be held Friday, Nov. 28, and Saturday, Nov. 29 at the A.A. Witt Gymnasium on the Joliet Junior College main campus.

The women's basketball tournament this year will bring in teams from Kalamazoo, Spoon River Valley and Madison Area Tech to challenge the hosts, the JJC Lady Wolves.

Two games will be held each night, with the schedule to be announced.



Wolves men are pictured here in action from the season home opener against Lake County.



Photos by Matt Furlan

1997-98 Basketball Schedules Men's

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Tues.	Dec. 2	Oakton C.C.	A	3:00 (p.m.)
Sat.	Dec. 6	Moraine Valley	H	7:00
Fri.	Dec. 12	Seward County (Ks)	A	8:00
Sat.	Dec. 13	Seward County (Ks)	A	4:00
Fri.	Dec. 19	McHenry County Col.	H	7:00
Sat.	Jan. 3	South Suburban	H	7:00
Tues.	Jan. 6	*Rock Valley C.C.	A	7:00
Thurs.	Jan. 8	Madison Area Tech.	H	7:00
Sat.	Jan. 10	*Illinois Valley C.C.	H	7:00
Tues.	Jan. 13	*Triton College	H	7:00
Sat.	Jan. 17	College of Lake County	A	7:30
Tues.	Jan. 20	*Harper College	A	7:00
Sat.	Jan. 24	*College of Dupage	A	7:00
Tues.	Jan. 27	Robert Morris Col. (JV)	H	7:00
Sat.	Jan. 31	*Rock Valley College	H	7:00
Tues.	Feb. 3	*Illinois Valley C.C.	A	7:00
Sat.	Feb. 7	*Triton College	A	7:00
Tues.	Feb. 10	*Harper College	A	7:00
Sat.	Feb. 14	Oliver Nazarene U. (JV)	A	2:00
Thurs.	Feb. 17	*College of Dupage	H	7:00
Sat.	Sun. Feb. 19, 21, 22	Playoffs at Rock Valley		
Wed.	Feb. 25 vs. Kentucky Champ	TBA		
Thurs.-Sat., March 5-7	Nationals	N.Y.	TBA	

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Men

Tim Boe	Plainfield H.S.
Loren Boyce	Tabernash de Bapt.
Carlton DeBose	Thornton H.S.
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Jason Hasebe	Providence
Carl Johnson	Rich East H.S.
Kevin Raub	Joliet Township
David Underdonk	Bolingbrook
Eric Walton	Joliet Township
Ryan White	Lincoln-Way
Ryan Lumsden	Romeoville
Head Coach:	Joe Kuhn
Assist. Coaches:	Keith Kinzler, John Jones, Dave Dwyer, Ron Newquist
Manager:	Eric Hukaba

Women

Lisa Cieply	Peotone H.S.
Vanessa Harris	Joliet Township
Julie Halper	Coal City H.S.
Stacie Hall	Wilmington, H.S.
Jenny Jamroz	Minooka H.S.
Rachel Pergam	Plainfield H.S.
Chris Collins	Tinley Park H.S.
Krystal Himes	Bish. McNamara
Lisa Kula	Joliet Catholic
Erin Welsh	Peotone H.S.
Danielle Peterson	Minooka H.S.
Jenny Gruben	Plainfield H.S.
Head Coach:	Tim Johnson, Kevin Bethard

Women's

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Fri./Sat.	Nov. 28-29	JJC Holiday Classic	H	TBA
Tues.	Dec. 2	College of Lake County	H	5:00
Thurs.	Dec. 4	South Suburban Col.	H	5:00
Sat.	Dec. 6	Moraine Valley C.C.	H	5:00
Wed.	Dec. 10	Highland C.C.	A	5:00
Fri/Sat	Dec. 12-13	Kalamazoo Tour.	A	TBA
Tues.	Dec. 16	Kankakee C.C.	H	5:00
Fri.	Dec. 19	McHenry County Col.	H	5:00
Mon.	Dec. 22	College of St. Fran. (JV)	A	2:00
Tues.	Jan. 6	*Rock Valley C.C.	A	5:00
Thurs.	Jan. 8	Madison Area Tech	H	5:00
Sat.	Jan. 10	*Illinois Valley C.C.	H	5:00
Tues.	Jan. 13	*Triton College	H	5:00
Sat.	Jan. 17	Oakton C.C.	A	3:00
Tues.	Jan. 20	*Harper College	A	5:00
Sat.	Jan. 24	*College of Dupage	A	5:00
Sat.	Jan. 31	*Rock Valley C.C.	A	5:00
Tues.	Feb. 3	*Illinois Valley C.C.	A	5:00
Sat.	Feb. 7	*Triton College	A	1:00
Tues.	Feb. 10	*Harper College	A	5:00
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Sports

Athlete Mentor Program ends academic ineligibility

By Roy Herman

The faculty and staff of JJC have put together the Athlete Mentor Program (AMP), meant to help athletes successfully acclimate themselves to college life while pursuing their academic and athletic careers.

Tim Johnson, women's head basketball coach, Wayne King, athletic director, and Pattie Fine, director of Student Services were instrumental in starting the program.

AMP helps eliminate academic ineligibility problems along with improving a tarnished image of sports with faculty. The mentors are there to answer questions, or to just be a friend for their athletes.

"If it helps just one person and keeps them in school for two years, then it was a successful idea," said Johnson.

This will be the first year of this program. Johnson says that there is no doubt in his mind that the program will be a big help. He feels it is a positive program and thinks it will continue throughout the year and into the future at JJC. "Most of the other schools have a program like this already in place," said Johnson.

Each student athlete will be assigned a mentor. The mentor will be a volunteer staff member that will advise and direct the student athlete in his or her academic school year.



Tim Johnson, women's basketball coach

Photo courtesy of Athletics

Since everyone is different, AMP has been established to assist student-athletes with different kinds of classes and socialization on campus.

There are 34 members of faculty and staff involved in the program, including secretaries, administration, and one campus police member, and along with Johnson, King, and Fine. It is open to all the staff and Johnson hopes it will continue to grow. Most of the mentors have three to five students, while Johnson has six.

The responsibilities of the mentors are to meet twice a month with the athletes and give them advice or help them out with studies or school problems. If the athletes are not living up to their responsibilities, then they will report it to their coach or athletic director.

Ball boy takes job very seriously

By Betha Cramer

The JJC football roster says Ed "Andy" Suter, official ball boy, but the referees call him Adam, Eric, Alex and even "hey, you." He has learned to answer to any one of these names, because this is serious business for Andy. Most nine year olds would relish the chance to be on the field with the players and coaches, but not to do the job Andy does.

You won't find Andy doing cartwheels on the sideline or hanging around the water cooler. He takes his orders from the officials and is with them all the way.

One of the referees at the last home game stated, "Andy is doing a fine job." The officials don't have to worry about getting a dirty ball because Andy carries a towel to keep them clean.

"It's fun, but hard work," said Andy. He has made every home game and even traveled to Michigan to be the ball boy.

Assistant Head Coach Matt Kalb said, "Great kid. The players enjoy him, as well as the referees."

He knows the game of football. He has been playing with the Grundy County Chiefs football team for four years. The year's team record was 7-1 with Andy playing the center position. "I'm going to play again next year," he added.

Andy also corresponds with his namesake, professional football player Ed Suter of the Atlanta



Ed "Andy" Suter is the official ball boy for JJC's football team.

Photo by Ross Ehrhardt

Falcons, formerly of the Cincinnati Bengals. He started writing to the pro player because of the name they share and a friendship transpired.

Andy and his father were invited to the Cincinnati Bengal's summer training camp in Georgetown, Ky. to watch Suter play. Andy spent some time with the pro and was given a signed football and pro's gloves. "He is really nice guy," Andy explained. They then traveled to Indianapolis

to watch the Bengals and Colts play. "We had third-row seats. It was great," Andy added with enthusiasm.

When asked what his plans for the future were, he stated, "I want to be a pro football player and play for the Green Bay Packers." Andy is in the fourth grade at Seneca Grade School and is the son of Ed Suter (JJC Speech Department). He likes to go fishing in his spare time and enjoys basketball and baseball.

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Men and women welcome

Soccer club is looking to grow

By Roy Herman

Soccer on campus at JJC is growing in popularity. It is presently a club, but it may become more in the future. With the World Cup and the start of Major League Soccer, look out and jump on the bandwagon.

Cristóbal Trillo, a Spanish and French teacher, is the club's founder. When Trillo got here four years ago, he got it going. The club has been playing tournaments, along with scrimmaging other schools. The club goes to Frankfurt to play at a sport club and has even traveled to Wisconsin and Iowa to play in tournaments.

"When I arrived here, there was no soccer on campus as an intercollegiate sport so I started the club," said Trillo.

Trillo pointed out that the club is open to both men and women. The club wants to give equal opportunity to everyone and so far has been gaining a lot of new people. Trillo also plays with the team because with it being a club, he can do that.

"We do a lot of things and all on limited funds," said Trillo. Since soccer is a club, the only get a \$1000 a year. According to Trillo some leagues charge \$900. They do the best they can with what they have.



Cristóbal Trillo is the sponsor of JJC's Soccer Club.

Photo by Matt Furlan

Other than Judo, soccer is the only other sports club. Trillo points out that it is fair to give the same amount of money to all organizations even if they are not sports. He does see the logic, though, and knows money distribution is according to what is on the budget.

The club is very diverse in ethnic backgrounds, including members from Mexico and Bolivia. Their ages vary from 18 to 21 years old. The two co-captains, Hector Alguaraz and Osvaldo Morales are from Bolivia. They come to participate in the

technical program here. They have been in the club for two years now.

Trillo understands people have hectic schedules, so he asks just one day a week of practice. He demands commitment, though, and enforces that by having members purchase a jersey, which costs \$50. He feels that the faculty has supported the club and that there will be a team here someday in the near future. Dr. Alan Harderson, the new Vice President of Student Affairs, is a supporter and former soccer coach himself.

There are still things needed here, a soccer field being one of them. That Trillo feels would attract more students to play soccer at JJC. If anyone wants to join the club, they can see Trillo in 1055 C-building, or call at ext. 2465.

Good luck, men's and women's teams, in the 1997-98 campaign.

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Student center construction JJC band performs concert at Rialto

By Matt Furlane

Seemingly overnight in D-building the parking lot entrance and the terrace were walled off and signs were posted saying "New Construction Area." The work being done is for a student center.

"Construction began the week of Nov. 9 and is projected to finish in mid-April or May of '98," said Dow Smith, Physical Plant director. According to Smith, who is in charge of maintenance, grounds, custodial services, and capital projects, several years ago it was suggested by people within JJC and the North Central Association of Community Colleges that an official student service center was needed.

The NCACC makes periodic visits to community colleges throughout Illinois making recommendations for improvements. They visited JJC in 1994 and recommended a specific center for students.

According to the layout poster hanging in the D-building hallway, there will be more than a student center. Classrooms will be constructed, in addition to offices



Construction is underway at D-entrance for a new student center. The entrance will be closed until mid-April, 1998.

Photo by Matt Furlane

for Holistic Wellness, and eventually, the Student Government Association, the *Blazer*, and others. Also incorporated into the student center will be a stage and seating capacity for 100 students.

The work is being contracted out to Marian Professional Construction. According to Smith, a balance between walls and windows will be

used in order to maintain spaciousness. The walls that are currently in place will be removed once the construction is finished in the area.

Smith also stated that a plaza may be added outside, on the south side of D-building and, if constructed, would allow students to gather outside for various activities.

By Erica Gallagher

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of "Stars and Stripes Forever," the Joliet Junior College Community Band will be performing a John Philip Sousa Concert at Joliet's Rialto Square Theatre on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 3 p.m.

"Stars and Stripes Forever" is the National March of the United States and was originally written in December of 1897. In recognition of Sousa's contributions to music, this concert also commemorates his talent and spirit as a United States patriot.

According to Jerry E. Lewis, chairman of the Fine Arts Department and conductor of the show, "This concert will be performed in the manner in which John Philip presented his concerts, fast-paced and with numerous announced encores of Sousa marches."

Sally Richards will be the featured vocalist of the event. She's known for her work in Chicago, singing with jazz bands. As a vocal soloist, "she will be performing a cute number called 'I've Made My Plans for the Summer' about a woman who is putting off her suitor," according to Lewis. In addition, she will be performing "George M. Cohan Patriotic Fantasy," which was inspired by Cohan's patriotism that

Sousa admired so much.

Another featured musician will be Dr. Thomas Liley, alto saxophone soloist, who is also a full-time faculty member and music instructor. Liley will be doing two numbers including "Beautiful Colorado," a Sousa favorite, and "Saxaphobia," a ragtime number for a small band.

"We've tried to make this event as authentic as possible, and I hope this is an opportunity for the audience to see the Rialto and enjoy a great concert performance at a reasonable price," Lewis said.

The Sousa Concert includes a ninety-piece band in addition to Liley and Richards, and is guaranteed to be an audience-pleaser. Succeeding in reenacting an actual Sousa performance, the concert should also offer an essence of innovation to its audience.

With numerous encores from "The Washington Post" to "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," the Sousa Concert is not one to pass up. There will also be a clinic-style audience sing-a-long of "Armed Forces Salute" and "It's Christmas."

Many of the proceeds from this event will go to the Joliet Junior College Music Scholarships. All seats are reserved for this concert and tickets are \$5. Call 726-6660 for tickets or more information.

Bard's Guild invites ACLU speaker

By Sara Zerbian

The Bard's Guild, a JJC club, invited Jay Miller, executive director of the Illinois Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, to present a lecture on Dec. 2.

Miller gave a brief history of the ACLU and presented "a variety of civil liberties issues that the group is involved with, according to David Thompson, faculty adviser for the Bard's Guild.

"In some previous discussions with the group, I realized that a lot of them had no idea who the ACLU was," said Thompson, who invited the speaker.

Miller spoke about issues such as abortion, censorship and affirmative action. There were a few questions and comments from the audience, and the presentation was more of a discussion, according to Thompson.

Literature about the ACLU was handed out to all participants.

Founded in 1920 by Roger Baldwin, the ACLU has risen to be the nation's prime advocate of individual rights. Its main concern is to protect freedom and educate Americans on the issues that affect



Jay Miller speaks with Michael Robertson and Adriana Rovinsky after his lecture.

Photo by Matt Furlane

their lives, according to literature entitled *About the ACLU*.

The ACLU extends services to those who are in situations where they are being denied their basic civil rights. It believes that there is a need to protect the Bill of Rights for all people.

The ACLU has often chosen radical cases or people to defend and aid. Some such groups are the Nazis

in Skokie, Ill., the KKK, and the Black Panthers. The ACLU states that they choose to defend these particular groups not because of what they have to say, but to ensure that they will have the right to express those views.

The ACLU claims that those whose opinions are the most extreme or controversial are those who's rights are most often threatened."

All I want for Christmas...

By Erica Gallagher

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Spirit of Christmas is lost due to materialism and greed

Once again, the Christmas season has undoubtedly arrived. Jack Frost is nipping, chestnuts roasting, sleigh bells ringing and the whole nine yards. For 18 years, I have been absorbing every last positive asset or the season's many offerings.



From my first Nintendo Entertainment System, to playing "bar" in grandma's basement with my cousins to the nice white envelopes filled with "Benjamins," I have never had a complaint in all my wonderful Christmases. Year nineteen, however, has had me believing "Merry Christmas" is somewhat of an oxymoron. I think the reality of the holiday season really sets in when you observe what is going on around you.

Cliche chants like "The Spirit of Giving," "Good Tidings," and "Seasons Greetings" have seemed to have lost value and meaning. Advertising gimmicks, overcrowded malls and mile-long wish lists have added even more materialism to a holiday which is already as

Period Point Blank

By Erica Gallagher

superficial as it is draining.

If that isn't upsetting enough, there is still the reality that there are many people who don't experience Christmas joy in poverty stricken areas. No Christmas is complete without the ability to spend it as mainstream society has intended.

It's very hard to imagine what it must be like to have to give your kids second-hand toys instead of storebought and eat Christmas dinner at a public facility instead of grandma's. To some people, this time of year is very depressing. Most middle and upper-class families turn their heads to the sadness destitution causes.

I also find some misgivings in my own financially stable family environment. Sometimes I think that Christmas is distorted as an excuse to do some quality bonding among family members. My extended family all lives within a twenty mile radius and we all have

telephones, but somehow Christmas time is the only exception to put forth effort to unify. In fact, next to marriage, graduation and death, Christmas is the only time all my relatives will be together.

I don't think my family is alone in this ironic behavior. Most families are too busy to interact on a regular basis. With the dawn of the appointment book, everybody, even children has an agenda.

It is a rare occasion when relatives unite. After New Year's, most aunts and uncles, cousins and grandparents rarely visit and bond with each other.

I have also been appalled by both mine and my family's obsession with materialism come the day after Thanksgiving. My mom always makes herself crazy over buying overly nice items for relatives and friends. She always said the Christmas is for children and, actually, she right. Emphasis on adult gift exchange is

ridiculous. Year, a bottle of wine is one thing, but may family go way overboard with extensive adult gift giving.

Child presents are overdone too. When little kids put such high expectations on Christmas gifts, they become unappreciative, greedy little brats. When is enough enough? The truth is, Santa should bring them a few things they'll really get use out of instead of a hundred things which will go to the bottom of the toy box.

Also, the hubbly of children to be good for Santa is misleading. Really, shouldn't children be good all year long? Eventually, kids grow out of the Santa phase, but the greed and selfishness evoked during Christmas lasts longer.

So much is to be said about Christmas joy and happiness, but if you sit back and really think about it, it's not the best-functioning holiday. With the emphasis put on spontaneous family bonding, competitive gift giving and materialism, Christmas has become a family reunion with eggnog and gift wrap debris.

Finally, Christmas has become a joke and has lost all sentimental meaning. Maybe someday it will be celebrated with less excess and with more of the spirit of Christmas.

The season for giving is here

As the holidays approach, people begin to reflect upon their various beliefs and values, the past resolutions for New Year's and others less fortunate than us.

Christians have Christmas, which is the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Jewish people have Hanukkah, which commemorates "rededication of the altar in the temple."

Kwanzaa is an African American cultural celebration that is also observed in this season.

Regardless of the religion, race, or creed that a person may have, this time of year warrants reflection on the past a look toward the future.

The new year may see many changes in people's lives. All of the 1997 resolutions that were not completed come back to haunt us. The promises and goals that were forgotten throughout the year are now remembered.

Too late, they sneer, it is too late to do anything about us, they cheer.

Resolutions can be passed on from year to year, and eventually they can be resolved. There is always plenty of time to clean out that hallway closet.

The season brings about many emotions, and perhaps the most common is the feeling of togetherness when one has family around them. The holidays have a special power to unite people for celebration. Many people complain about visiting the family, and they may grumble, but they do attend.

There are some, however, that are not as fortunate as most, and have no happy home, nor will they enjoy a good meal. It is important to remember that the spirit of giving is a big part of the aforementioned holidays, so we should all try to help in some way.

There are plenty of shelters that receive clothing, food, and toys for underprivileged children. The U.S. Marine Corps has the Toys for Tots program that has been conducted this month at JJC. There are also a number of organizations in the area that conduct food drives, and the Giving Tree, located in J-building, is another option.

With the season being so close, people may not think about giving to the more unfortunate, what with rushing to buy last-minute gifts or preparing a big party. But it is essential that we try to help as much as we can. Even a small token of kindness, such as a smile, can go a long way.

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Women's Career Fair promotes employment in non-traditional areas

By Crystal Duran

JJC's Women's Career Fair was held Dec. 3 at City Center from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The career fair included diverse employers offering information and employment in non-traditional occupations.

Non-traditional occupations are jobs in which there is only a 25 percent or less woman enrollment. These include jobs not traditionally seen as "feminine jobs," such as automotive services, architectural design, computer-aided drafting, computer networking, construction and industrial maintenance. The fair was designed to inform and aid women interested in pursuing non-traditional occupations as part of JJC's Technical Opportunities Program (TOP).

The TOP program was created after a lawsuit was filed against a company and the company was determined to have biased testing procedures. As part of the settlement the company agreed to provide funding for a women's program educating them on non-traditional employment. JJC already had funding from the "Women In Chicago" program and classes that aided in the pursuit in non-traditional careers, so JJC decided to tie it all together and come out with TOP.

TOP is administered by JJC's

Institute of Economic Technology and this is TOP's first year being funded by the Illinois State Board of Education.

The lack of females in non-traditional jobs is not due to prejudice but to the insufficient programs and information covering these fields, according to Sandy Cykiel, coordinator of TOP. She believes that education on occupations should be introduced to females at a young age. "We need to start educating females from the time they are in the sixth or seventh grade about what their career options are and that is one of our biggest goals!" she said.

Although women may experience a little alienation at first, it is almost expected when anyone enters a new job. "Once they get past the fact that you're a woman they see what is important, the skills and abilities," said Cykiel.

The first day of the TOP class is usually an assessment, asking women what kinds of interest they have, their work values, to give them an idea of what kinds of jobs they may be good at.

One of the problems women face in pursuing male-dominated careers is that of weariness of entering into a world until now foreign to them, according to Cykiel. "One of the objections of my grant is to change the perceptions of the kinds of jobs

that women should or can go into, there is a lot of money to be made and a lot of job satisfaction for women that like to work with their hands," she said.

Information and employer support of non-traditional careers may ease the fright and awkwardness of women entering these occupations. The TOP program tries to get more women involved and take them into work places to speak with some of the already increasing female employees in these fields.

Women need to be aware that there are jobs out there that are very worthwhile and have decent wages to support themselves and sometimes even their own families.

In fact, the conditions of factories and workplaces have increased in quality. "They are not what they used to be, these places aren't all bad to work in," Cykiel said.

The TOP classes are taught by women who have graduated with degrees in non-traditional fields. Women are informed on employer expectations and survival skills in once male-dominated occupations.

The TOP program is getting ready to start the next program and they are accepting 20 more women. Space is limited, however, so any female interested in this program can call Sandy Cykiel at City Center at (815) 727-6544 ext. 1423.

Program provides 'growing experience'

By Kelly Shanahan

Imagine five weeks of visiting museums, coffee plantations, and spending the weekends at the beach—all while earning college credit. Through the Study Abroad Program at JJC, students are given the opportunity to study at a foreign institution while still receiving JJC credit.

Shen Aiello, a former JJC student, jumped at the opportunity to attend school in Costa Rica. She spent five weeks studying Spanish at the Forrester Institute in San José, a renowned international language school that caters to college students, while earning nine JJC credit hours.

Aiello attended school Monday through Friday for four and a half hours a day. She went with the intent to further her Spanish fluency. She was taught by Costa Rican professors that would only speak in Spanish.

"I was forced to be fluent when I was in Costa Rica. I was only allowed to speak Spanish," said Aiello.

Aiello did not find the classes to be overwhelming. She actually thought that they were easier than JJC because of the interactive learning. There were six or seven students per professor so "it was very one on one." Some of the students in her classes were from Japan, Germany, and other parts of the United States.

"Our assignments were not to go memorize these words like you might

find in a language class at JJC. The professors might ask to bring a newspaper article in Spanish to discuss. It forced you to pick up on the language a lot more quickly," said Aiello.

After classes each day, Aiello and a group of other Study Abroad participants from Illinois would experience the Costa Rican culture. They went to museums, visited some plantations, and even went water-skiing.

Aiello did not pass up the opportunity to come home with a tan. She said every weekend she would leave San José to hit the beautiful coastal beaches.

The cost of the trip was about \$1500, which included airfare, boarding, tuition, books, and tickets to some cultural events. Participants stay with a host family which provides breakfast and dinner.

"The trip does not have to be expensive. You have the option to attend different events but you do not have to go. Some people made the mistake of spending all their money in the first couple weeks," said Aiello.

Aiello strongly suggests that all students, not just language students, look into studying abroad.

If you do have the opportunity to go, however, she cautions that you "go with an open mind. You are setting yourself up for disappointment if you don't go with

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Club Notes

By Emily Capps

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

The JJC Fine Arts Department will present Spectrum of Life, two one-act plays, on Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theater. They are final projects from JJC's Theatrical Directing class, THEA 201. Admission is free. For more information, call ext. 2200.

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is sponsored by Team Building and is located

between Human Resources and the Foundation Office. Suggestions will be on the back of the ornaments on the tree. Free fee to take ornament and purchase the suggestion on the back. Please wrap the gift and attach the ornament to the gift. Please place it in the appropriate box located by the Giving Tree. Team Building asks that everyone who is participating have all donations in by Dec. 12.

GREENHOUSE

The JJC Greenhouse will have a Christmas sale from Dec. 17-Dec.

19. Poinsettias, Christmas cactus, holly, Norfolk pine, ivy planters, and ivy wreaths will be sold. The hours are from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call ext. 2511 for more information.

LATINOS UNIDOS

The Latinos Unidos will host a pancake breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 13 in the cafeteria at Main Campus. The breakfast will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. For more information, call ext. 2449.

Police Blotter

JJC Campus Police reported the following incidents for the weeks of Nov. 16-Nov. 22:

MEDICAL ASSIST

The officers assisted a female student who had fallen and injured her leg. In a two separate incidents, the officers assisted students with injured hands. Two ill students were also helped.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The police officers investigated a two-vehicle traffic accident that occurred on Exit Road near Howbott Road and a two-vehicle traffic accident that occurred in Lot #4.

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Culinary Arts is not just cooking

By Carole Sharwarko

A little-known program in the Culinary Arts Department at JJC is the Hotel Restaurant Management course that is offered.

This is a class that works hand-in-hand with the normal cooking classes to fully prepare students for jobs in the field of managing a hotel or restaurant. This is a well-paid occupation, but a very tough career. "It is a program that is growing rapidly," says Patrick Hegarty, Culinary Arts chairman. He explains this by saying that there are many more budget hotels springing up all over, especially in the Joliet area. More hotels in existence means more employees will be needed, and soon.

In fact, says Hegarty, it is estimated that by the year 2000, 2 to 3 million more employees will be needed to fill various positions in the hotel, restaurant and bar industries.

He is a strong believer in this program and calls it a "sleeping giant." He states, "I really believe this program will grow a lot in five years."

The Hotel Restaurant Management course, with Catherine B. Anderson as the only full-time instructor, covers a wide variety of aspects of managing a hotel. It teaches preparation of food, beverage management, front desk operation, housekeeping, certain laws, wine tasting and choosing service, and overall business principles.

With these types of classes, students can properly prepare for technical, supervisory and managerial positions within the hospitality industry. They need to learn business concepts and how

those concepts relate to management of a hospitality business.

Culinary Arts students looking to get into the managerial field are encouraged to take food preparation courses in addition to their other courses. It is important for them to understand every section's need and operations in order to effectively run their business.

All students in HRM study food preparation and presentation, receiving and storeroom practices, hot food preparation, broiler and deep-frying, baking and pastries, dining room operation, nutrition and menu planning, and sanitation and safety practices as the practical side of their training.

The theoretical portion includes cost and portion management, supervision in the hospitality industry, management strategies and quantity food purchasing. This sounds like a lot of material to cover, but it is necessary for a successfully-run restaurant.

Says Hegarty, "You lose a lot of money not knowing your kitchen."

He uses an interesting analogy: "The more the front of the house knows the back, the better off the whole."

Culinary Arts is definitely a rapidly growing field and is acquiring much attention as the demand rises for trained workers in this field. It is no longer enough to know one side of a hotel or restaurant business.

New technologies and more widespread competition from new businesses are making it tough for everyone in competition. Employers want people who not only know their way around the kitchen, but the rest of the place as well.



The Ambassadors pictured are, from left to right, Skip Wagner, Jeff Johnson, Carla Swank, Kate Hovis, and bottom, also from left to right, Stephanie Wetherhe, Renee Dusselduin, and Liz Viviani. Photos by Matt Furlane

Ambassadors represent school

By Carole Sharwarko

The dictionary definition of an ambassador is "a person who is sent to represent his or her country in a foreign country." This is similar to what might be considered the definition of the Joliet Junior College Ambassadors.

Yes, there are ambassadors at JJC. The difference in the way their program is run is that the Ambassadors represent our school right here when others come to visit. When outsiders come into the school, they are in a "foreign country." The Ambassadors give them tours and help them feel comfortable with their surroundings.

Organized and directed by Lupe Ferreira and headed by Dean of Enrollment Management George Manates, the Ambassadors are a group of 20 students who do many things to benefit the college. They give individual and group tours to

prospective and new students, alumni, and anyone else who might want to see the school.

Their goal is to help people learn about and become acquainted with the college. Most people have never even heard of the Ambassadors, let alone know what they do.

"If a student is thinking about JJC, we can give them all the information they need," says Ferreira. She says this information includes financial aid, classes, sports, specific programs, and anything the student may be interested in. They even give specialized tours to specific areas of the school such as electronics, mechanics, culinary arts, etc. The Ambassadors encourage their tour guests to ask questions and are prepared to answer them.

"We have had letters from different organizations telling how good the Ambassadors are and how they've (the Ambassadors) set their minds at ease and helped them feel

comfortable with their tour," Ferreira also said.

She believes, as well, that giving tours and talking to people helps the Ambassadors by giving them more confidence in themselves and their abilities. "It's good for them to have the opportunity to interact with students from different schools and areas," she states.

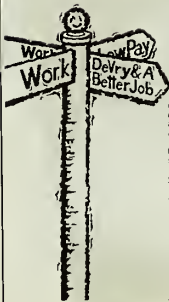
The group is also involved in many special college functions. They represent the student body at events such as college fairs, award programs, and at the recently held Illinois Board of Higher Education conference. Part of their job may be to seat people, or to help them find restrooms and telephones. They are representatives of the college and, according to Ferreira, "Each one represents the college terrifically. I'm proud of them."

Ambassadors are a necessary and quite beneficial group at Joliet Junior College and are worth checking out.

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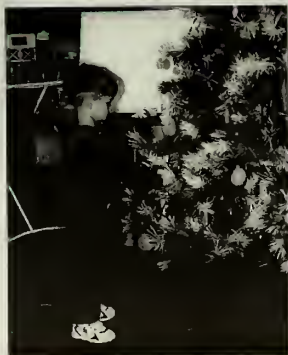
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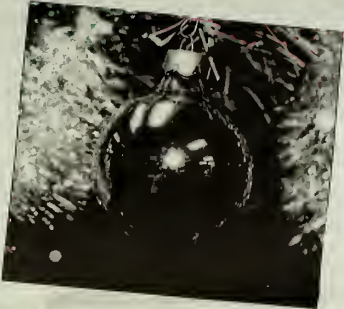


Season's



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Greetings



Features

Ag students form JJC Party Team

By Kelly Shanahan

They are most likely found hanging out in A-building. Some of them are wearing cowboy boots. If you hear them talk, you might hear a bit of an accent. They don't look like your typical JJC students because most of them are not.

Some of those students live farther away from Joliet than most JJC students would imagine. Chris Metzger lives in Valparaiso, Ind. T.R. Sparendeg's home is an hour and a half from Joliet. Tyson Walters lives near Springfield. So why are they attending Joliet Junior College?

"We do whatever it takes to have good, clean fun."

-T. R. Sparendeg

The JJC Agricultural Department is responsible for drawing out-of-district students to attend JJC. Because JJC has one of the top agriculture programs in the state, some students choose the community college over a four-year university to save money.

"I chose JJC because it was cheaper. Purdue is only a little farther from Indiana and it was a lot cheaper for

me to come to Joliet," said Metzger. Many of the other agricultural students also said JJC was a more affordable choice than other options.

Because some students live over an hour away from JJC, they had to find housing in the area. Some of the agriculture students (also known as aggies) share apartments with each other in Channahon or Moline.

Joliet, however, was not a big attraction for most of the aggies.

"Joliet is too big. It has too many people and too much congestion," said Metzger.

Because they do not have parents looking over their shoulder, the aggies may be having a little more fun than your average JJC student.

"College is a big party," said Metzger, a member of the JJC Party Team. The 25-member group was created by some of the agricultural students. They each have a party team hat and each member was given a nickname.

You might think that a good night of town tipping would be top on their agenda, but they pointed out there is no such thing as cow tipping. It is impossible because cows sleep laying down.

So knowing that cow tipping is out of the question, what do the aggies do for fun?

The aggies get together usually from Sunday to Friday nights because most go home to work on the weekends. When they get together, most of the time is spent "shooting

the bull," according to Clay Walton of Plainfield.

Every Monday night a group of anywhere between 10 and 20 aggies gather for "Monday Nitro." They watch wrestling on TV and have some of their own wrestling matches afterwards. "We do whatever it takes to have good, honest, clean fun," said Sparacore.

Every Monday night a group of 10 - 20 aggies gather for "Monday Nitro."

The group sometimes goes rollerblading or bowling. They spend most of their time at each other's apartments.

A few of the agriculture students recently took a road trip to Wisconsin to visit one of their girlfriends. They left late Sunday night and were back just in time for their Monday morning classes.

On Dec. 2, they planned a swim in the DuPage River. They are tried to beat last year's record of swimming in the frigid waters.

This may sound a little crazy to most other students, but they are only trying to have good, somewhat clean fun.

Kicking cold where it counts

By Scott Owens

Bitterly cold winds pierce across campus. Snow is piled up several feet deep for as far as the eye can see. As temperatures drop below zero, students sit anxiously by their radios listening to the cancellations in the area due to the weather.

There is often no such notice for Joliet Junior College because of the hard-working men and women who began preparations for winter even before the first snowfall hit the ground.

The maintenance workers at JJC have already begun their annual plan to keep "Old Man Winter" in check this year. Needed fortification to buildings, new projects and the daily work of plowing and salting are all part of the plan, according to Dow Smith and Mike Jackson of the Buildings and Grounds Department.

Workers employed by the college began the plans for winter early in the season. "Obviously, we couldn't go into this blindly," Smith said. "We had to be prepared before the extremely cold weather gets here."

The safeguards for winter began with routine inspections of buildings. Workers eliminated deterrents of energy conservation by checking doors and windows for gaps and adding additional insulation if needed. These costs were minimal compared to possible energy bills, according to Smith.



completed. "Those things are best done early," Jackson said. "So the problem isn't more complicated when classes start again in January."

Even before the snow and ice starts to accumulate, workers also take measures to ensure safety for those visiting the campus. Projects are done when the weather is still relatively nice so they are already in place when the dangerous weather conditions arise.

The project underway outside of the D-building calls for heated ramps to be installed reducing the chance of injury as students enter or leave the building.

"This project was essential," Jackson said. "Because safety is always a major concern, and the ramps get too slippery sometimes, even with salt."

Safety is also on the mind of workers when the weather calls for plowing snow or salting. "We'll salt part of the job," Smith said. "What's salt and plaster as often as the conditions make it necessary."

Because of careful planning, JJC is prepared to stay open through harsh winter conditions. Inspections were made to make sure the buildings are in good condition. New projects were scheduled when necessary to ensure safety, and the daily work of plowing and salting is designed to prevent cancellations.

JJC students 'express' their views

By Erica Gallagher

Expressions is a fairly new club on campus with intentions of providing support, positive reinforcement and useful information to the homosexual and bisexual community. Although topics addressed at club meetings primarily focus on homosexual and bisexual issues, Expressions is open to all ages and all people.

Analysis

people at school who haven't come out," he said.

The impact of political correctness has fueled the student population to become more active in groundbreaking minority issues. Expressions is a direct example of the attempt to peacefully develop a club with intentions to better educate without its members. However, and support its members. However, without needed support and understanding, Expressions may very well make no impact on the conflicting individuals of concern—the majority. Although Expressions specifically states its goals as serving the issues of homosexuality and bisexuality, there will always be an outside force of stereotyping, discriminating and prejudging gay men and women. Expression's goal to integrate all people proves its determination to offer perhaps an avenue of tolerance and respect among all people, despite their sexual orientation.

Taranto said the club is moving towards an even broader set of aspirations, including speaking to high schools in the pursuit of helping younger students manage their openness and tear away from ignorance. Expressions has taken a field trip to Horizon, a gay group in Chicago, and has recently had a Catholic nun as guest speaker. They are planning a fund-raiser in the future and overall seem eager to incorporate new ideas and more supporters into the club.

The first step to unify the gay community has already taken shape by the formation of Expressions; however, work still needs to be done. It's no surprise that the campus, like the rest of the world, is slow-moving in regards to tolerance. Gay bashing, violence, and the onslaught of homosexuality is ever present. Hate crimes are still in full effect and immature comments prevail even in this seemingly liberal school community. In fact, Expressions flyers have been torn down and thrown away, according to Taranto.

Expressions, while inviting all individuals to attend meetings and join in events, is short of desired attendees. There are many assets to becoming a part of this club regardless of sexual orientation. In attempt to abolish all forms of discrimination and ignorance, first there must be support. Expressions provides needed information, support and a vow to confidentiality to its

The first step to unify the gay community has already taken shape.

members. Taranto said, "Nothing that is said leaves our meetings."

Expressions flyers are available at most newswriters on campus and are posted on bulletin boards. Meetings, as of now, still run from 5 to 8 p.m. every Thursday. All are welcome to attend.



"The repairs can look like an expense budget to some," Smith said. "But over time the college will actually save more money by making them."

Most of this work has been

All welcome to Man of La Mancha auditions

By Scott Owens

The Fine Arts Department at Joliet Junior College is looking for a large cast to take the stage March 5-8 in the musical *Man of La Mancha*.

All residents of Community College District 525 are invited to participate. A wide variety of roles is available including several main and supporting characters as well as a large chorus. The production will be directed by Dr. Zachary Bloomfield with musical direction by Sue E. Malmborg.

Interested residents can audition for roles on Tuesday, Dec. 16 from 6-9 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 17 from 3-5 p.m. Most of the roles will be cast during these dates, but a second set of auditions will take place from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Jan. 13 and 14.

The auditions are being held in the Fine Arts Choir Room (K-1003)

at JJC's Main Campus. Those wanting a role should memorize a brief song from a musical and be prepared to read from the script. *Man of La Mancha* tells the story of a man's defense against the Spanish Inquisition and his fellow inmates. Miguel De Cervantes has been imprisoned in a dungeon before going to trial.

When he becomes forced to answer to the other prisoners, Cervantes uses the manuscript "Don Quixote" to defend himself. The dungeon scene transforms into the land of La Mancha where the audience sees Don Quixote and his servant Sancho Panza attempting to right ancient wrongs.

This musical is the third scheduled theatre production in a total of five. After the final curtain on March 8, the next production will not hit the stage at JJC until April 23. Information about this and other events is available at ext. 2200.

A night of getting in touch with my favorite addiction

By Carole Sharwarko

Band reunions are generally risky. There is always the chance that the band will sound exactly the same as they used to, trying to relive old memories, or that they won't play well together at all. When my friend and I heard that Jane's Addiction had gotten back together and was touring, we decided that, regardless of the risks, we had to go. There was no way we would miss one of our favorite bands once again playing together. Of course tickets sold out in a matter of seconds, so we drove up without any. I won't say specifically how we acquired access, so as not to incriminate anyone, but we did pay a somewhat large sum of money in order to get in.

When we entered the Aragon Ballroom, the reality of what was happening really hit us. Jane's Addiction, a band that broke up some six years ago, was going to perform in front of us in a matter of about two hours. We grew more excited as we walked around the ballroom's lobby and main stage area. The strange combination of Roman architecture, with stone arches and round balconies, and Egyptian mosaics covering some walls was sure to add to the pure mysticism of the event.

As we waited impatiently for the show to begin, we watched wide-eyed fan mail around expectantly, yet not knowing exactly what to expect. Finally, the lights went down and the first band came on. It was Goldie, an industrial-tech band with a decent beat, but with more of a rave sound than that of a live show. The crowd answered their set with an appreciative round of applause.

When the lights came up, the tension grew. People jumped around and yelled in anticipation.

The room around us dimmed once again and the noise from those present was almost deafening. All eyes on stage saw someone walk out. Dressed in a long red dress and complimentary bright red wig, this person walked up to the microphone. The rest of the band came on and began playing. Jane's Addiction? No, Smashing Pumpkins. A surprised audience began dancing and singing along immediately. Smashing Pumpkins are known for making many surprise appearances at shows in Chicago, their hometown. However, the crowd was so focused on seeing Jane's Addiction, no one seemed to expect this.

"They're a great band and we're always happy to open for them."

-Billy Corgan

The band played four songs, including "Tonight, Tonight." Then singer Billy Corgan explained that the fourth show they ever played was opening for Jane's Addiction and that "they're a great band and we're always happy and honored to open for them." They ended their set with "Solace" and definitely succeeded in riling up the crowd.

Well, cutting in the chase, Jane's

Addiction came out and this time the screams were deafening. Going into "Ocean Size," the band looked happy to be together and playing in Chicago. After playing "Ain't No Right," singer Perry Farrell spoke up about the importance of love in the world. He gave talks like this throughout the show addressing things such as computers, the environment, and sex relations. He also stated that he believes the population is slowly returning to the female nature of things. He said that men shouldn't be afraid to be men, but shouldn't have to beat someone up to prove it.

The set-up of the room and Jane's Addiction's side show exemplified Perry's love for women. The main stage was obviously in front of us and about 10 feet away from us and 20 feet away from each other were two scaffolds going up about 20 feet. They were decorated with paper leaves and huge colorful paper flowers. On each platform of the towers was a woman dancing beautifully, decked out in a leaf costume, soft green nylon layering her body. Then, 10 feet behind these and directly across from the main stage was a smaller stage with a drum set on it. This was a major point of curiosity. What were they going to do?

There was no desire to think about that then, however, with Jane's cranking out old favorites on main stage. Perry, along with Dave Navarro, the original guitarist, Flea from Red Hot Chili Peppers on bass, and original drummer Steve Perkins delivered a heart pounding "Stop!" and a simultaneously heavy and delicate "No One's Leaving."

Evidently feeling the need to slow

things down (or calm down the crowd, which was dancing and moshing furiously), they went into "Three Days." It worked on all counts, the melodious opening bass riff washing out from the stage like a wave of cool water. It led right into "Then She Did," another slower song with a glorious sound. Toward the end of it, the song's beats picked up and Jane's Addiction once again exploded, sending everyone into a frenzy.

They had just experienced something which would be ingrained in their minds for a very long time.

After these two songs, the band probably wanted to chill out a bit and there was a small break while Perry walked over, laden with security guards, and began to climb the scaffolding nearest me. I was honestly about five feet away from him. To use an old expression, he was so close, I could see the whites of his eyes. When he got to the top, the band played "Summertime Rolls," the name perfectly describing the cool, gentle mood of the song, all with big smiles on their faces. This was obviously a shared favorite.

Descending from his high throne when the song was over, Perry looked tired, but still had a glimmer

in his eye. He made his way to the baby stage and climbed aboard. The other three joined him shortly and Dave and Flea picked up acoustic instruments. Plugged in but acoustic, they began probably their most famous song, "Jane Says." Everyone sang along and there was a generally happy feeling throughout.

Perry then dedicated "Classic Girl" to all the women present. It seemed as though the room was filled with sighs of pure enjoyment. They all returned to the main stage and played a haunting rendition of "Ted."

Just Admit It! Their set ended with "I Would For You," a beautiful half-ballad sung to Perry's girlfriend. This finished a great show on an even greater note. Everyone filed out, totally awestruck. Of course, no one could hear and all were covered in sweat, but they didn't care. They had just experienced something which would be ingrained in their minds for a very long time. I know I'll never forget it.

Program

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an open mind." Aiello described the trip as a growing experience for the band. "I believe it was something I was destined to do. It opened up my mind and helped me define who I am. It also helped me put in proportion the stress of my life."

Because of the trip, Aiello is looking for more opportunities to travel.

Anyone interested in the Study Abroad program should contact Dr. Aras at (815) 729-9020, ext. 2270.

Students access information through various Kiosks

By Matt Furlane

With thousands of students seeking academic information and signing up for classes at the beginning of each semester, the Registration Office can easily be overwhelmed, causing long lines and high blood pressure.



The student information terminal, or Kiosk, allows the student to perform a variety of tasks.

Photo by Matt Furlane

Fortunately, the Information Technology Center has come up with a way to help students get the basic information they need and make the process of registering for classes easier by creating the Kiosk.

Kiosks are about six feet high, made of laminated purple wood, and resemble ATM machines or old arcade games. They use monochrome

green touch-screen displays and a printer. They cost between \$2000 and \$4000 and are stationed at various places on the school's campuses with three in J-building alone.

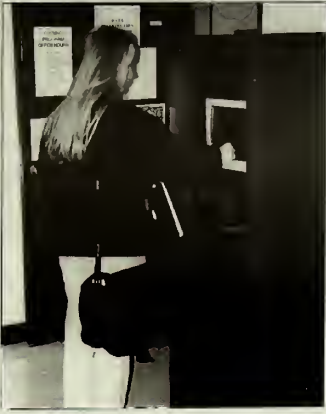
"We designed them to provide good service to the student. We wanted to be able to dispense information without tying up registration," said Information Technology employee Otto Stuckmaier. "The Kiosks take care of the simple questions and registration deals with students' more important requests."

According to Stuckmaier, the Kiosks were constructed by a local cabinet company and take about two weeks each to make. They can be purchased commercially but the cost may reach \$15,000. The ITC provided the design specifications, printers, monitors, software, and the support and maintenance.

Access to the Kiosks is gained by touching the screen.

Once a student has entered his or her social security and pin numbers, the student is given the opportunity to look at or print out a variety of information. This includes academic summaries, grades, schedules, enrollment verification, or a request for a bookstore loan.

The machines seem to be doing



A student uses the Kiosk to access her academic information. Kiosks were designed to increase efficiency in obtaining records.

Photo by Matt Furlane

their job and students are using them a lot. According to data collected by the Information Technology Center, the Kiosks have been accessed over 500,000 times since they were introduced in March of 1991. Students have printed out over 250,000 class schedules, over 56,000 academic summaries, and over 88,000 requests for grades.

"They seem handy. It's kind of nice not having to meet with a counselor and have to go through all this paperwork," said part-time student Kevin Davison. Other students that were interviewed made similar statements. No complaints were mentioned except that sometimes it was difficult to touch the screen just right when entering numbers.

Within the next couple of years, the ITC hopes to have two more Kiosks up and running on Main Campus. In addition, they plan on upgrading the technology and possibly connecting everything to the World Wide Web so students will be able to access information from their home computers.

The term Kiosk was chosen because it refers to an open summerhouse or pavilion with one or more sides open that may be used as a new stand or telephone booth.

Administrators' secretaries 'keep the flow going'

By Eva Schultz

On an average day, Joliet Junior College's Administrative Office is quiet and calm. An afternoon's visit with the secretaries, however, proves that on an average day is anything but slow. The administrative office is located on the second floor in J-building, behind the elevators. Behind the glass wall, in the first section of the office grouping, two desks sit side by side.

At the right-hand desk sits a dark-haired woman dressed in a jumper and turtle neck. Boonie babies, trinkets, and framed photos of her children and grandchildren decorate her desk and the shelves on the wall behind her. Her look of concentration melts into a friendly smile when a student or staff member approaches.

She is Karen Erb, secretary to Dr. Alan Hardersen, vice president for student services. She has worked at the college for 22 years, first in Admissions, later moving to the Administrative Office.

"My job here is to keep the flow going," Erb says. She not only manages phone calls, prepares materials and sets up appointments for Hardersen — she also screens inquiries and handles the bulk of his paperwork. Erb describes the average 8-4:30 workday as "lucid." It is not unusual for her to stay past 4:30 dealing with files and phone calls.

Erb's desk neighbor, Darlene Boyle, is not in the office that day. Boyle is secretary to Thomas Ryan, vice president for business services.

"We help each other out where we can, answer each other's phones," Erb says. "But besides that, our jobs are entirely separate."

At a smaller desk along the adjoining wall sits a student in a sweater and jeans. Her name is Kate Hvala, and she is Erb and Boyle's student worker. Hvala has been in the position since August of 1996.

"I answer phones, greet people, type, deliver papers," she says. Hvala works an average of 20 hours a week in the office. Her tasks sometimes take her across campus to deliver or retrieve papers for the secretaries.

"They're very understanding about classes," she says. "If I have too much homework, they'll let me go early or have a day off."

Sarah McWilliams, not in the office that day, is the student worker for the next group of secretaries.

Through a doorway is a wide, bright space with a floor-to-ceiling window overlooking the bridge. Cream-colored file cabinets line the other three walls and are topped with paintings of bright flowers. Four desks swallow up the rest of the space—three of them are occupied today.

Sunnie Hunter and Adrienne Becker, secretaries to J.D. Ross, vice



Sunnie Hunter works at her desk.

Photo by Matt Furlow

president for academic services, sit at the far desks.

"I've been with the college for 10 years and with Mr. Ross for 19," Hunter explains. "He's easy to work with."

Ross has served in several positions at the college, and Hunter has moved with him at each job change.

Hunter arrives at the office at 7:30 and will stay until 4 or 5 to finish her work. "There's seldom a let up," she says.

But Hunter likes her work. She feels that she and the other secretaries work well together.

Becker agrees that the secretaries get along well. She has been with the college for seven years and spends much of her time scheduling rooms for classes and events and dealing with "nuisance phone calls."

Part of Vice-President Ross' new directive this year, which Becker finds challenging, is to have the secretaries learn one another's work. This way, when a secretary is absent, her deskmates will be able to field questions and complete tasks until she returns.

"We have difficulty finding time to learn each other's jobs," Becker says. She finds that they often "learn as the emergency arises." Cross-training has been encouraged all across campus.

Joan Hinch, one desk over, is secretary to Dr. Dennis Wright, dean of transfer programs and articulation services. She finds the task of learning others' work less daunting — she has been with the college for 26 years and feels she "knows the system."

Hinch's duties include drawing up contracts for faculty members, keeping articulation with other colleges, and keeping minutes for various meetings.

Further down the hall, though another doorway, sits Joan Tierney, secretary to JJC President Dr. Thomas Gamble.

"I'm the new kid on the block," Tierney says with a laugh. Her two-

year anniversary of working at the college will come in February 1998. She joined the staff about six months after Gamble was hired.

Tierney deals with students, professionals, and college workers.



Joan Hinch works at her desk.

Photo by Matt Furlow

She handles calls from students and prospective students as well as dealing with the Board of Trustees.

Tierney may be new to the college, but she did not come without experience. She spent over 20 years working in banking, eventually becoming an account officer and working

both in administrative functions and as a president's secretary.

"It's a team," Tierney says. She agrees that the group works well together.

Tierney and the other secretaries must sometimes deal with disgruntled students. They emphatically agree that the first step is to listen to the student.

"Sometimes you can defuse them that way," Hunter says.

"It takes empathy," Becker agrees.

Through following procedure and listening to students' concerns, Becker has found that she is sometimes able to resolve a problem without having to refer it to an administrator.

"Students are put first," Tierney says. Dr. Gamble maintains an open-door policy so that he will be available to field student complaints and concerns.

Whether dealing with students or professionals, complaints or paperwork, the secretaries of the Administrative Office find plenty to keep them busy each day.

Hunter laughs gently and says, "There's never a lack of things to do."

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Prepare to be amazed in 97-98

On the Sidelines

By Jeremy Richardson

Last season, the nation was shocked to see powerhouse Kentucky Wildcats fall to the young but very talented



Arizona Wildcats in the National Championship game. Luke Olson and the Wildcats are preseason number one this year. At the end of March they're predicted to stand alone at the top again.

If you were stunned by last year's results, then prepare to be amazed during the 1997-98 college basketball season, with five teams who can compete for the number one spot the whole season. Match madness is going to be everything but a calm atmosphere.

When you talk about good teams, you have to start with Arizona. There's no question why they're number one.

There are five returning starters from last year's championship run: super sophomore Mike Bibby as running guard, silky smooth senior Miles Simon as shooting guard, senior forwards Michael Dickerson and Bennett Davidson and their most improved player at center A.J. Bramlett. The Wildcats are going to give the PAC-10 a steady diet of speed and power.

When talking about college basketball you have to mention the ACC, which again is the nation's toughest conference. The Duke Blue Devils, who are led by senior guards Trajan Langdon and Steve Wojciechowski, will be a force to reckon with. The Blue Devils have four of the nation's best freshmen in William Avery, Shane Battier, Elton

Brand and Chris Burgess. With this quartet, Coach Kreyzewski should be right in the thick of things come tournament play.

Living right down the street in Chapel Hill, the Tarheels try to survive life after Dean Smith. With Smith gone, Bill Guthridge has stepped into the limelight as head coach.

With an arsenal of talent, Carolina will challenge Duke for the ACC title.

Player of the year contender Antawn Jamison's post-up ability should open up the outside game for Vince Carter. Ed Cota and Shammond Williams. North Carolina and Duke will battle throughout the year and don't be surprised to see them flip-flop the one and two spot all season.

Kansas and Purdue are the next two teams who will contend for the number one spot. Kansas has a strong nucleus with Raef LaFrentz and Paul Pierce, who both said no to the NBA last June.

Purdue is quiet but dangerous. Seniors Brad Miller (a 6-11 center), Chad Austin (a 6-7 guard) and Brian Cardinal (a 6-9 power forward) lead them. With the nation underestimating these seniors' experience, Purdue is going to sneak up and catch a couple of teams on their way to a Big 10 title.

Now that you have heard my picks, let's see my sleeper team of the year. Illinois State, just like Arizona, have all five starters returning. They will dominate the Missouri Valley and make some big noise in the tournament.

Conference play begins in January, and that's when you will see who the best team really is.

Unsung heroes help men's b-ball

By Roy Herman

The basketball season is upon us so far. Loren Boyce, a 6'4", 205-pound sophomore forward and Dave Underdonk, also a 6'4", 205 forward are two of those leaders. Both speak softly, but carry big sticks on the court.



Loren Boyce, forward for the Wolves

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Boyce is from Tabernash Baptist Academy from Freeport, Bahamas. At Tabernash, Boyce was a part of back-to-back national championships. When he was ready to move on, his coach Norris Bain was instrumental in having Boyce come to JJC.

"I checked out a school in Florida, but my coach did not feel it was a good program," said Boyce. His coach set him up with Mike Martin, last year's coach. He felt the school had good qualities and so did his coach. His coach first told him that JJC needed a shooter and that he was the perfect candidate.

Boyce wants to be an architect, but is taking prerequisites here at JJC to prepare himself for the next level. Boyce wants to continue his career after JJC as a player and will go anywhere anyone will offer him a full-ride scholarship.

"I felt this first half of the season hurt me, but I will try to have a better second half," said Boyce.

Boyce likes to watch TV and listen to music in his spare time. He feels the team will be a lot better than what it was in the first half because the team is gelling. He likes the people here and credits Alphonse Nthumba-Ngoma for giving him advice last year when he first arrived.

Dave Underdonk is the blue collar guy on the team. He credits himself as being a good rebounder and was the leader in rebounds on the team and conference last year at Bolingbrook High. Underdonk is a hard worker and hustles on every play.

At Bolingbrook High School, Underdonk was all SICA North All-Conference honors the last two years. He was named to the SICA West All-League team as a sophomore in '94-'95. Underdonk was a big time player for BHS and felt the school prepared him well for college.

Underdonk came to JJC because four-year schools did not offer him enough scholarship money. He came here to do his best and then try it again when he is done here. Interested schools included the College of St. Francis, Milikin, and a school in Iowa.

Underdonk was recruited here by Joe Kuhn and likes the school so far. He really likes the guys on the team



David Underdonk, Wolves center

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and his classes are going well for him. His goals include going on to play ball at a four-year school.

Underdonk has not decided on a major yet, but is taking his time to explore what he likes. His hobbies include playing Sony Playstation and watching TV. He works out at a friend's house and goes on open gym at the Bolingbrook Park District to keep in shape for the season.

One thing that Underdonk is surprised about is the weight lifting program. "At Bolingbrook, weight lifting was a major part of the program, but not here," said Underdonk. He said Bolingbrook has a good football program and passes its weight training program on to the other teams. Although it is early, Underdonk said Northern Illinois University would be a possibility to play ball after JJC because he has a couple of friends that go there. Underdonk is also the brother of Trina Underdonk, a prominent player on the softball team here.

Kinzler brings experience to men's b-ball

By Roy Herman

JJC has added a familiar look to its basketball men's coaching staff with the addition of assistant Keith Kinzler, who last was seen here breaking his own rebounding records in 1992. Kinzler played ball at JJC from 1991-92. He is one of JJC's all-time leading rebounders and graduated from Joliet Catholic High in 1989. Kinzler never played high

school basketball, but walked on at JJC and played for Pat Klingler and his assistants Joe Kuhn and John Jones.

Kinzler left JJC and received a full-ride scholarship to Morehead State, a Division I school. He majored in business management and competed against players like Dean Thomas from Illinois, Walter McCarty from Kentucky, Rodney Dent and Clifford Rozier from Louisville and Kwame Garza from Illinois.

"In college I played against some great players in front of 20,000 fans and those moments gave me the chills," said Kinzler.

Kinzler got away from basketball for about two years. Then he started to think about the game again.

Kinzler always thought about coaching but it would have to be in the right situation. When Joe Kuhn got the job as head coach and called Kinzler last year, he did not have to think about coaching any more. He is now an assistant and says he has a lot to learn and a lot to give back to kids.

Kinzler would not mind being a head coach but it would have to be the right situation. Kinzler is only 26-years-old and is happy with what he is doing. In addition to being an assistant coach, Kinzler manages his family's cleaning and janitorial

business where he has worked for 12 years.

Kinzler likes the Athlete Mentor Program here and hopes it can succeed. He feels the team will get



Keith Kinzler returns to coach basketball

Photo courtesy of Athletics

better in the second half and thanks Eric Walton and Dwayne Edmon will come back from academic ineligibility and help out. His coaching helps for his players include working hard in the classroom and on the court.

"Efforts all back for the players show up for class regularly and practice and work hard at both, then they can get scholarships. It's up to them," said Kinzler.

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Sports

Pro attitudes just don't compare

Just Talkin' Sports

By Roy Herman

In the midst of the Bull's rough start of this season, Scottie Pippen has added fuel to the fire. With the team trying to concentrate and play without him, he is doing a loose job of being a teammate of a five-time defending champion team.

Scottie is upset of being in the last year of a contract that "only" pays him \$2.7 million this season. How do you feel sorry for someone that is making that much money? Professional athletes don't like being stereotyped as greedy or selfish, but cases like this keep arising. Since Kevin Gammett from the Minnesota Timberwolves signed a contract for \$126 million over seven years, other players are feeling they are underpaid. Do paramedics make \$2.5 million a year? If not, then why is saving lives less as important than triple-doubles or shooting percentages?

While we are all waiting for this to blow over, Toni Kukoc, Pippen's replacement, is playing despite a foot problem. Kukoc sat out the summer and refrained from being on his foot. He came back this fall and has been criticized for inconsistent play and not being in his best shape. Well, at least he is making an effort and doing the best he can, despite trying to get back in shape. Can someone be faulted for trying? Wasn't Kukoc the one who hit the game-winning three-pointer against the Knicks in the '94 playoffs when Pippen elected to sit out the last 1.8 seconds of the game because he wasn't going to get the ball? Pippen is mad at management, but who threw a chair on the court during a game?

A contract is a contract and NBA rules prohibit teams from

renegotiating current deals already signed during the season. Being a champion, it would stand to reason that Scottie should come back and play his hardest no matter what until his deal is up, or should he let Phil Jackson and Michael Jordan hang out to dry, when they both suck up for him in the past? Both said they would not have returned if they knew this would happen.

Having attended the JJC Lady Wolves game on Dec. 2, I saw team work, commitment, and a dedication from both the JJC players and the coaching staff. This is a class act program and the whole women's basketball program should be congratulated. Tim Johnson is one of, if not the best coach in the women's ranks. At the junior college level, the athletes are playing together for a common goal, to work hard and win. There are no underpaid players. It was a pleasure to watch the game, and everyone should attend games because they are fun. Tickets are affordable, the food is affordable and all the seats are great. So what if the players are not pro, they work just as hard, if not harder. Not only do the JJC players play and practice, they have to study and go to class. They have to work extra hard at what they do.

This is not about comparing pro and JJC players, but to show the difference in attitudes and appreciation for the game. It is an honor to be in the NBA, to play in the league where Wilt Chamberlain, Larry Bird, and other great athletes played. To play against future hall of famers like Michael Jordan and Hakeem Olajuwon, to name a few, is also an honor. This seems to be taken for granted by players sometimes. These JJC players are playing for the love of the game. Can the same be said of the pros?



Kula ' has a presence of leadership'

By Erick Manuel

Sophomore center Lisa Kula is looking forward to another solid season for the Lady Wolves.

The preseason NCAA Division III All-American, and team captain, is coming off a strong freshman season.

She had a great freshman season, earning 1996 Joliet Junior Classic All-Tournament honors. She also led JJC both in scoring (449 points, 13.6 per game) and rebounds (366, 11.1 per game). She was the leading scorer 14 times and the leading rebounder 22 times.

Kula was also an All-Conference selection, and her coach named her as Rookie of the Year for her outstanding performance during her first year playing college basketball. With season highs at 20 in rebounding and 25 in scoring, it's amazing she doesn't take home more awards! With such an outstanding performance during her freshman year, what else can she hope to accomplish? Kula pointed to one thing that she hopes to accomplish this year.

"I am close to breaking the record in rebounding," she stated.

She is very close and will most likely be the next record-holder in rebounding for the Lady Wolves. With a season high at 20 during her freshman year, is there any doubt?

As a player out of the floor, her teammates say that she is a reliable, solid person. Lisa Cieply says of



Lisa Kula, center for Lady Wolves

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Kula, "She has a presence of leadership." That aura and her experience from last year should make Kula a feared player in her conference.

Her one weakness is her mobility. "I am a bit slow," she states, but teammate Cieply was quick to add, "What she lacks in quickness she makes up for in rebounds."

With that being a big weakness of the team, it's good to know that Kula started off the year with bang, being named preseason All-American and second team All-Conference, and earning all-tournament honors in the recent Joliet Junior College Classic. She is averaging 11 rebounds and 8.3 points per game. She is also

shooting 45 percent from the field and 57 percent from the free throw line.

If she continues to rebound at the same pace, then opponents beware. The Lady Wolves will have a record breaker in the ranks.

With the team starting the season at 2-4, Kula is not worried about the future of the team. "We have the talent, we have just not been able to use it to the full potential."

With returning starters Jeny Jamroz and Stacie Hall in the lineup, Kula feels that the Lady Wolves have a good chance of being a competitive team.

As far as continuing her career in the sport, she is somewhat uncertain.

"I have the desire to continue being a student athlete," she states, but is undecided about her future.

Well, the recruiters will surely be waiting at her side until she does make up her mind. If she decides that playing the game as an organized sport is not for her anymore, she has other hobbies to keep her busy. She enjoys rollerblading and playing all kinds of sports. She is enjoying playing the game, and with her in the lineup, the season is looking pretty good for the Lady Wolves.

Kula came to JJC from Joliet Catholic, where she won the Herald News Prep Female Athlete of the Week award twice. She was also named All-95 and honorable mention in '94-'95, and third-team All-Area in '95-'96.

Parker: JJC Wolf origin uncertain

By Erick Manuel

No one knows when JJC took a wolf as their mascot. "I really can't say when the wolf actually became our mascot, as far back as I can remember JJC has always been the Wolves," said Dave Parker, the athletic coordinator. There is a little mystery behind our canine friend. Why did JJC choose to have a wolf for its mascot? Parker states, "If you think about it, not many other teams

have the wolf for their mascot." The new Chicago hockey team is the only other team that comes to mind. It is an original name that helps to bring attention to the college. The choice of the wolf could also be from the fear that the animal instills in most people.

JJC has been the wolf since at least the early 1960's. During that time, the JJC basketball teams had the Wolves as their mascot. And

then, when JJC initiated a football team, they too, took on the Wolf as their mascot.

As of right now, we are still the Wolves, but there is no one who wears the costume for our athletic events. If anyone is interested in becoming JJC's mascot, please contact either Dave Parker or Pam Etheridge. They will be happy to suit you up and let you run loose during JJC's home athletic events.

Cieply is like the Energizer Bunny on the court

By Erick Manuel

Lisa Cieply, a freshman guard from Peotone, has had to step up her game for the Lady Wolves following the early season injury of teammate Vanessa Harris.

Cieply, who was sharing playing time with Harris, is now shouldering the load alone.

Although she's playing the whole game, she says fatigue is not a problem. When she gets onto the court, she becomes a son of Energizer Bunny, always on the move.

"She is fast and quick," Stacie Hall pointed out.

While playing a lot of minutes helps the team, Cieply believes she will contribute more when she gets settled in the position.

"I have to calm down and play smarter," she said.

Another teammate, Jeny Jamroz,



Lisa Cieply, Lady Wolves guard

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said, "Her heart is another positive contribution to the team."

Cieply and her teammates said she has one real weakness at this point in her Wolves' career.

"She is new to the program, and will become a better player in the near future," said Jamroz.

Hall added, "Although she is new, she is adjusting very well."

Cieply also stated that she wanted to reduce the amount of turnovers committed in the games.

In terms of adjusting the game plan for the loss of the injured Harris, Cieply says that there is little need for adjustments. "The coach says we're bookends," Cieply stated, which meant that their playing style was very similar.

Another adjustment that Lisa had to make was from high school to college-level basketball. "The players are more aggressive," Cieply states, "That is the major difference between high school and college basketball."

Her style is explosive and energetic. Cieply states, "I give 100%

for the team in any way, [because] I also want to walk away with the win."

While the Lady Wolves are off to a rocky start, Cieply and friends don't think that it is time to panic.

"Confidence doesn't start until the first of the year," she states. That should give the Lady Wolves time to get their game together.

One major area that Cieply and her teammates are concerned with is the Lady Wolves defense.

"We need to get more rebounds," Cieply said, "and work on defense in general."

So far she is doing pretty well. She is averaging 5.5 points and 7 assists per game. She has also pulled down more than three rebounds a game from the guard position.

Although Cieply enjoys playing basketball, she says that the chance of her continuing to play above the

junior college level is not very likely. Her plans to go to the University of Illinois will likely mean that her career as a guard will be over.

Cieply said the University of Illinois team would be too difficult to make.

She will probably just play the sport for fun along with her other hobbies, which include running, spending time with her dog, Busia, and focusing on her studies in pre-veterinary medicine.

As of now, the Lady Wolves are happy to have Cieply on the team, making contributions that will help make this a winning season.

Another aspect to consider is that she is just beginning her career at JJC. She still has another year to play with the Lady Wolves, and next year she will be more experienced and will hopefully become an even more valuable asset for the team.